



Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Great Lakes) Declaration 1999

I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet, make this declaration under subregulation 3 (1) of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

Dated 7 July 1999.

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

BILL HEFFERNAN
Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet



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made under the

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations

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1 Name of declaration

This declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Great Lakes) Declaration 1999*.

2 Definitions

(1) In this declaration:

declared operation means the operation declared under section 3.

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations means the Regulations set out in Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time.

Regulations means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

specified hazardous area means the hazardous area specified in section 5.

specified organisation means an organisation specified in Schedule 1.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this declaration and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this declaration as it has in the Regulations.

3 Declaration

The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the civil war in Rwanda during 1994, being an operation that satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

4 Name of operation

For the purposes of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'Great Lakes'.

5 Geographical extent of hazardous area

The geographical extent of the hazardous area of the declared operation is Rwanda and areas in adjoining countries in which a specified organisation is, or was, carrying on humanitarian service in relation to the declared operation.

6 Date when declared operation commenced

The date when the declared operation commenced is 1 May 1994.

7 Eligible service with specified organisations

The organisations service with which is eligible service are the organisations specified in Schedule 1.

8 Period of participation by specified organisations

The period within which each specified organisation participated in the declared operation, or, if the participation is continuing, the date when the participation commenced, is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.

9 Qualifying period of service

- (1) The qualifying period of humanitarian service required to be given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days.
- (2) The qualifying period of humanitarian service may be aggregated from several periods of service with 1 or more of the specified organisations.
- (3) If a person gives humanitarian service as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the service could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

10 When inspection visits count as humanitarian service

- (1) A person's inspection visit is counted as humanitarian service if the person made the visit:
 - (a) as a member of a specified organisation; and
 - (b) within the period, or on or after the commencement date, specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the specified organisation.
- (2) If the person makes the inspection visit as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the visit could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 of the organisations, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

11 Ineligibility for an award of the Medal

A person is not eligible for an award of the Medal if:

- (a) the person's qualifying service is qualifying service for an award of the Rwanda clasp of the Australian Service Medal because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Australian Service Medal Regulations; or
- (b) the person (whether in the specified hazardous area as a refugee or resident) is a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation; or
- (c) the person is, or is an employee of, a commercial contractor to a specified organisation.

Schedule 1 Prescribed organisations

(sections 2, 7 and 8)

Item	Organisation	Period or commencement date of participation
1	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	1 May 1994 to 31 December 1996 (inclusive)
2	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	1 May 1994
3	Australian Lutheran World Service	1 December 1994 to 31 May 1995 (inclusive)
4	Australian Red Cross	10 December 1996 to 1 November 1997 (inclusive)
5	CARE Australia	6 June 1994 to 13 February 1997 (inclusive)
6	World Vision Australia	27 July 1994

Note

1. Made by the Governor-General on 7 July 1999.