

Application for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal

Instructions for completion

About the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal

The Government of Malaysia has offered to confer the Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) medal on eligible New Zealand servicemen and women in appreciation of their service in Malaysia with the Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve, from the declaration of Malayan Independence, to the end of the Confrontation. The medal will be awarded for service between 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966.

Categories of eligibility

Category One:

- a. Those members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who were on the posted strength of a unit or formation, and who served in the prescribed operational area of Malaysia and Singapore, in direct support of operations in Malaysia, for 90 days or more, in the aggregate, as follows:

- (1) **Malaysia** during the period 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966 inclusive; or
- (2) **Singapore** during the period 31 August 1957 to 9 August 1965 inclusive.

Service between 12 August 1966 and 31 December 1966 will only be aggregated as qualifying service if a member was posted for operations to Malaya or Malaysia on or before 12 August 1966.

The prescribed operational area of Malaysia and Singapore is the landmass of East Malaysia (that is: the States of Sabah and Sarawak on the Island of Borneo), the Malay Peninsula, and the Island of Singapore. The prescribed operational area also includes the sea area of Malaysia.

- b. Those members of the New Zealand Armed Forces who were on the posted strength of a unit or formation outside of the prescribed operational area detailed in paragraph a. above, but who served in a secondary role in indirect support of operations in Malaysia for 180 days or more, in the aggregate, during the period 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966 inclusive.

The secondary role is in respect of service with RNZN ships patrolling outside of the prescribed operational area whilst allocated to the Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve.

Service between 12 August 1966 and 31 December 1966 will only be aggregated as qualifying service if a member was serving on a RNZN ship allocated to the Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve on or before 12 August 1966.

- c. Those New Zealand citizens who served in a civilian law enforcement capacity (police, home guard or security services) in the prescribed operational area of Malaysia only, in direct support of operations in Malaysia, for 90 days or more, in the aggregate, during the period 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966 inclusive.

Service between 12 August 1966 and 31 December 1966 will only be aggregated as qualifying service if a person was posted for operations to Malaya or Malaysia on or before 12 August 1966.

Category Two:

Those members of the New Zealand Armed Forces, or those New Zealand citizens, who had their period of service in the operational area **terminated by death, or by evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to that service, during the period 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966 inclusive**, and before the completion of the period of qualifying service prescribed in Category One.

Verification of service

Although the *PJM* medal is a foreign award from the Government of Malaysia, all applications for the *PJM* medal will need to undergo a verification process by Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force to determine eligibility. The verification process can be greatly assisted by applicants providing as much information about their service as possible, including service numbers, units, and dates served in the prescribed area. Such information will permit applications to be processed much more quickly. The medals themselves will be presented/issued by the Government of Malaysia.

Instructions on how to complete this form

- Please use BLOCK letters only.
- Please complete the entire form, and provide details of ALL service in the prescribed area.
- Copies of this form may be downloaded from the Breaking News page of the New Zealand Defence Force medals website:
<http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/medals/news/index.html>

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