

## PART 2 - STATUTORY DECLARATION OF SERVICE

To be completed by the ex-Service person or person applying on behalf of a potential medal recipient for the New Zealand Defence Service Medal (NZDSM).

If you served in:

- Compulsory Military Training and/or
- National Service and/or
- Territorial Forces (Navy / Army / Air Force) after 3 September 1945 and were not awarded a long service award for service in the Territorial Forces

you **must** complete this Statutory Declaration and have it **witnessed** by a Justice of the Peace or Solicitor or Officer duly authorised to take Statutory Declarations in accordance with section 9 of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

If you served only in the Regular Forces (after 3 September 1945) and/or in an Expeditionary Force (2NZE / J Force / K Force), you may, but are **not required** to complete this Statutory Declaration. If you are aware of missing or incomplete information in your service file please complete the Statutory Declaration.

Justices of the Peace in your area are listed in the Yellow Pages under 'Justices of the Peace'.

If you served in 2NZE and had no subsequent military service you will only be entitled to the NZDSM if you were still serving on 3 September 1946 (i.e. 12 months after 3 September 1945) on your 'duration of hostilities' Second World War engagement.

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Surname	<input type="text"/>		
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Address Line 3	<input type="text"/>		
Town / City	<input type="text"/>		
Post Code	<input type="text"/>	State (if overseas)	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>		
Occupation	<input type="text"/>		

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I, or the potential medal recipient, had the following service details after three years of service (or at discharge if served less than 3 years)

Surname	<input type="text"/>	Initials	<input type="text"/>	Service Number	<input type="text"/>
Service	<input type="text"/>	Rank	<input type="text"/>	Corps	<input type="text"/>

That to the best of my knowledge and belief:

*(tick all those which apply to you )*

A)  I or the potential medal recipient undertook Compulsory Military Training (CMT) , and either:

- i) completed my obligations under the Military Training Act 1949 and Amendments as applicable; or
- ii) served for at least 12 months, and was then medically discharged; or
- iii) was given a waiver of completion of service by the Secretary of Labour or Minister of Labour; or
- iv) did not complete my training because the CMT scheme ended in 1959 while I was still under training.

B)  I or the potential medal recipient undertook National Service, and either:

- i) completed my obligations under the National Military Service Act 1961 and Amendments as applicable; or
- ii) served for at least 12 months, and was then medically discharged; or
- iii) was given a waiver of completion of service by the Secretary of Labour or Minister of Labour; or
- iv) did not complete my training because the National Service scheme ended in 1972 while I was still under training.

C)  I or the potential medal recipient served in the Territorial Forces (Navy / Army / Air Force) and:

- i) completed three years (or more) 'efficient' service in the New Zealand military after 3 September 1945; or
- ii) served for less than three years and completed my initial engagement of at least 12 months which began after 3 September 1945; or
- iii) was awarded a British or NZ Royal Honour for bravery or gallantry while serving on or after 3 September 1945.

*Note: The three years may have been accumulated and does not need to have been continuous. You will need to have been deemed 'efficient' by your unit(s) for a minimum of three separate Training Years to qualify for the medal.*

D)  I or the potential medal recipient served in the Regular Forces (Navy / Army / Air Force) and:

- i) completed three years (or more) service in the New Zealand Armed Forces after 3 September 1945; or
- ii) served for less than three years and completed my initial engagement of at least 12 months which began after 3 September 1945; or
- iii) was awarded a British or NZ Royal Honour for bravery or gallantry while serving on or after 3 September 1945.

*Note: The three years may have been accumulated and does not need to have been continuous.*

- E)  I or the potential medal recipient served in an Expeditionary Force (2NZEF / J Force / K Force) and:
- i) completed three years (or more) service in the New Zealand Armed Forces after 3 September 1945; or
  - ii) was still serving on 3 September 1946 (i.e. 12 months after 3 September 1945) on my 'duration of hostilities' Second World War engagement; or
  - iii) served in J Force in 1946 in the 'Clutha Draft' and arrived at Lyttelton on 23 July 1946 on SS Chitral; or
  - iv) served in J Force for less than three years and completed my initial engagement of at least 12 months which began after 3 September 1945; or
  - v) served in K Force for less than three years and completed my initial engagement of at least 12 months which began after 3 September 1945.

*Note: The three years may have been accumulated and does not need to have been continuous. Time served in New Zealand before and after deployment overseas may be counted towards the required qualifying time for the medal.*

- F)  I was medically discharged from the New Zealand Armed Forces after at least 12 months of service but before completing three years service:

on

for the following reason(s):


- G)  I was medically discharged due to a total and permanent disability from the New Zealand Armed Forces before completing three years service:

on

for the following reason(s):


- H)  I do not fall into any of the categories above, but I believe I should be considered for the award of the NZDSM for my service in the New Zealand Armed Forces after 3 September 1945 for the following reason(s):


That the location(s) of my military service was/were:


That I have never been sentenced to dismissal by a court martial; and

That I have never been convicted during or after completion of military service for any offence that resulted in a sentence of imprisonment for seven years or more.

*Notes: A person sentenced to dismissal by a court martial or convicted during or after completion of military service for any offence in any country that resulted in a sentence of imprisonment for seven years or more will be deemed ineligible for the medal. The same will happen if a person has been convicted or discharged for other serious convictions and actions for which the Chief of Defence Force decides the medal either should not be awarded or should be forfeited.*

*The Chief of Defence Force has the authority to award, or re-issue, the medal when there are exceptional circumstances to someone who has been deemed ineligible for the medal.*

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signed

Declared at

this

day of

Before me

Name

Signed

Justice of the Peace     Solicitor

Officer duly authorised to take Statutory Declarations

**FOR MEDALS OFFICE USE ONLY**

That the military service of the above-named has been officially verified.

Ref #

for Chief of Defence Force