

Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Service Medal Rules 1973

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SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL RULES 1973

It is hereby notified for general information that the President having been pleased to approve the institution of a medal to be styled “The Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Service Medal”, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Service Medal Rules, 1973 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 26th day of January, 1973.

2.—(1) A medal to be known as the Singapore Armed Forces Overseas Service Medal (hereinafter in these Rules referred to as the “Medal”) may be awarded to members of the Singapore Armed Forces who after the 9th day of August, 1970, were engaged in operational or non-operational service in an area outside the Republic of Singapore in accordance with the conditions set out in rules 3, 4 and 4A of these Rules.

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(2) If a person to whom the Medal has been previously awarded further qualifies for the award of the Medal for service of the same type he shall be presented a Bar to be attached to the ribbon by which the medal is suspended.

(3) Where a person is already in possession of a Medal for either the operational or non-operational service and he subsequently qualifies in the other form of service, he shall be awarded a second Medal to be worn with the appropriate ribbon.

3. The qualifying conditions for the award shall be as follows:—

(1) *Operational Service:*

- (a) service of ninety-six hours or more in operations against the enemy or otherwise on active service involving a threat to life or limb;
- (b) service of thirty days or more, in the aggregate, in any period of twelve months when employed in any area outside the Republic of Singapore in support of any formation, unit or sub-unit of any force engaged in operations against the enemy or otherwise on active service involving a threat to life or limb.

(2) *Non-operational Service:*

Service of fourteen days or more when engaged in relief operations in support of any foreign government during their national calamities or when on duty in any area outside the Republic of Singapore, such duties

being not of an operational nature:

Provided that members of the Singapore Armed Forces on training courses abroad may not qualify for the award of this Medal unless they have provided assistance or service beyond the requirement of the particular course of training.

4.—(1) If the operational qualifying service described in these Rules is brought to an end before the completion of the qualifying period on account of death, evacuation owing to wounds, or other disability due to service, the reduced period of service shall be sufficient qualification for the award.

(2) Persons granted any Singapore Honours, Decoration or Medal for gallantry achieved in the course of any uncompleted qualifying period shall qualify for the award of the Medal or Bar as if such period had been completed.

4A. The Armed Forces Council may waive the qualifying conditions for the award in rule 3 where the Council is satisfied that exceptional service has been rendered or service has been rendered in exceptional circumstances.

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5. The Medal shall be awarded by the Armed Forces Council.

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6. The names of the persons to whom the Medal is awarded shall be published in Formation/Unit orders and a register of such names shall be kept in the Ministry of Defence.

7. Where a Medal or Bar is lost or destroyed and it is desired to replace it, a statutory declaration by the person to whom the Medal or Bar was awarded stating the circumstances under which the loss or destruction occurred, his rank, name and the unit to which he belongs shall be forwarded to the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence through the usual channels of correspondence in the case of a serving member, and in the case of a person who has retired direct to the Permanent Secretary. If the explanation as to the loss or destruction is considered satisfactory, the Medal or Bar shall be replaced on payment made by the recipient to cover the cost thereof.

8. The Medal shall be of cupronickel one and three-eighths inches in diameter consisting of a five-rayed cross with double points, radiating from a circle of fifteen-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, having on the obverse side the Singapore Coat-of-Arms encircled by the inscription “TENTERA SINGAPURA”, and further encircled by a laurel wreath beneath which shall be a scroll bearing the inscription “YANG PERTAMA DAN UTAMA”. On the reverse side shall be a small star encircled by the inscription “FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE” enclosed in a pentagon.

9. The Medal shall be worn on the left side of the outer garment suspended by a