

**DECLARATION OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE  
VETERANS' SUPPORT ACT 2014**

In accordance with section 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 ("the Act"), I hereby give the following notice.

**Notice**

1. I declare service:
  - in the Syrian Arab Republic, the airspace above it and its territorial waters, from 1 January 1974 up to and including 30 September 2024, to be operational service for the purposes of the Act.
  
2. I declare that the declaration for service in the Syrian Arab Republic will supersede the declaration for:
  - Service in the Syrian Arab Republic, the airspace above it and its territorial waters, from 1 January 1974 up to and including 30 September 2022 made on 5 July 2020 by Hon Ron Mark, Minister for Veterans.
  
3. This declaration covers:
  - members of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) serving with the NZDF;
  - members of the NZDF on secondment with the armed forces of other nations; and
  - any person seconded to the NZDF with the permission of the Chief of Defence Force.
  
4. The persons covered by this declaration shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.
  
5. I am satisfied that there was a significant risk of harm to those that undertook this service, as required by the Act.



Dated this 24 day of July 2022

**Hon MEKA WHAITIRI**, Minister for Veterans