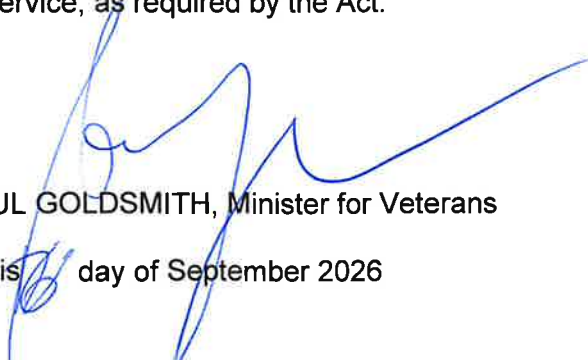


DECLARATION OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE VETERANS' SUPPORT ACT 2014

In accordance with section 9 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 ("the Act"),

1. I declare operational service performed:
 - in the Syrian Arab Republic, the airspace above it and its territorial waters, from 1 January 1974 to 30 September 2028 (inclusive), to be operational service under the Act.
2. This replaces the declaration made on 27 September 2024 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 2026.
3. The declaration covers:
 - members of the New Zealand Armed Forces;
 - 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.



Hon PAUL GOLDSMITH, Minister for Veterans

Dated this 26 day of September 2026