

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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, from 1 July 2025 up to and including 30 June 2027, to be operational service under the Act.

***Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan** - The geographic area of Jordan includes all of the sovereign territory defined by the boundaries with neighbouring states through currently recognised agreements, including those concluded prior to independence on 25 May 1946. From the northeast corner at the tripoint with Israel and Syria, the territory of Jordan follows the northern boundary with Syria (including the southern limit of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights region) to the east in accordance with the Franco-British Protocol of 1931 which was subsequently revised slightly by a Jordanian-Syrian agreement in 2005. To the northeast, Jordanian territory is defined with Iraq based on the 1984 border treaty, and then to the south following the boundary with Saudi Arabia agreed in 1965 westward to the terminus at the Gulf of Aqaba. Jordan claims a small 3nm territorial sea within the Gulf of Aqaba. The land territory is then defined in the west by the 1994 agreement with Israel, extending north to the Dead Sea and along the Jordan River to the tripoint with Syria.*

2. 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.

3. The persons covered by this declaration shall have access to the entitlements and services specified in the Act and the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

4. I am satisfied that there was a significant risk of harm to those that undertook this service, as required by the Act.



Hon CHRIS PENK, Minister for Veterans

Dated this 24 day of June 2026