

## Deployment review

We are reviewing deployments since 1 April 1974 to determine if they should be considered Qualifying Operational Service.



We're doing this work to make sure that support is available to those who the Government intended us to support through the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

### What deployments we're reviewing

We're reviewing over 100 deployments, and will be looking at these in six tranches:

#### Tranche 1: Significant deployments without appropriate coverage

Examples would include operations with no close off date (something required under the Act), or where geographical areas not clearly defined.

This group includes all the operations in:

- the Former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
- Timor-Leste
- the Solomon Islands.

#### Tranche 2: Deployments without coverage that may meet the required risk thresholds

This could include deployments that currently have no cover.

Examples of areas under consideration are:

- Several deployments in the Gulf Region
- Somalia.

#### Tranche 3: Deployments declined coverage before 2009 that warrant reconsideration

This will include operations declined coverage before 2009 under the old legislation, which may meet the new risk criteria in the 2014 legislation.

Examples of areas under consideration are:

- Laos
- Mozambique
- Pakistan.

#### **Tranche 4: Deployments with coverage where there needs to be a review of the specified period or a reconsideration of risk**

Examples of areas under consideration are:

- Angola
- Cambodia
- Sierra Leone.

#### **Tranche 5: Deployments declined coverage since 2009 that warrant reconsideration**

This will include operations declined coverage since 2009 under the old legislation which may now meet the new risk criteria in the 2014 legislation.

Examples of areas under consideration include:

- Namibia
- Rwanda
- Indian Ocean.

#### **Tranche 6: Those deployments considered and declined since the 2014 Act that may meet the eligibility criteria**

These deployments may have a single factor which indicates personnel may be at risk from a threat (either environmental or operational). For example a Centre for Disease Control health warning might be in place.

It is unlikely the overall threat assessment will meet the required threshold, but we are carrying out due diligence and reviewing these deployments.

## **Deployments we're not reviewing**

We're not reviewing:

- operations before 1 April 1974, as everyone who served in NZ's Armed Forces before this date has Qualifying Routine Service and thus eligibility for support and services from Veterans' Affairs
- operations not conducted as part of NZDF Output 5.1 (Military Operations in Support of Rules-Based International Order). The way that Qualifying Operational Service is defined in the legislation does not cover business as usual.

## **How we'll review deployments**

We'll look at each deployment and consider whether it meets a threat threshold. To do this, we'll work with our colleagues in:

- GEOINT New Zealand
- Headquarters Joint Forces New Zealand
- Strategic Commitments and Engagement Branch NZDF
- NZDF Health
- NZDF Personnel Archives and Medals.

Once all the deployments in a tranche have been considered, the Head of Veterans' Affairs will advise the Chief of Defence Force of the outcome.

The Chief of Defence Force will then recommend to the Minister for Veterans if any declarations should be made or

changed.

The Minister for Veterans will decide whether to declare deployments as Qualifying Operational Service.

## Have your say

If you feel there is a deployment that should be considered against the criteria for Qualifying Operational Service, and you don't see it listed above, please contact us to suggest deployments that we should consider as part of the review.

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