

RECLASSIFICATION OF DEFENCE COOPERATION PROGRAM SERVICE IN EAST TIMOR

Service by Defence Cooperation Program (DCP) personnel in East Timor between the period 16 September 1999 and 17 August 2003 has been reclassified as warlike.

This means that those who were involved in the Army Training Support Team—East Timor and other DCP tasks are now eligible to be awarded the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) with clasp East Timor and Returned from Active Service badge (RASB).

Personnel who served in East Timor under DCP arrangements should apply to Defence Honours and Awards (DH&A) using the form Application for the Issue of Medals that is available on the DH&A website www.defence.gov.au/medals or by calling DH&A on 1800 111 321 (toll free). To assist the assessment process members should ensure that their PMKeyS Ops Log reflects their DCP service in East Timor.

The upgrade of the Australian Service Medal (ASM) to the AASM requires the ASM to be returned before the AASM is dispatched, unless the ASM has been awarded for another operation. Those who already hold the AASM will be issued the clasp after returning the ASM if required. Members will be advised on their particular requirements.

The RASB will be issued with the AASM if not previously issued for other qualifying service.

Qualification for both the AASM and ASM on a single rotation is not permitted.