

# ***Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal***

## **Guide to Eligible Groups**

This Guide sets out the clasps that have been declared for the award of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal*, the organisations with eligible members for each clasp, and the period of participation with each organisation during which eligible service can be given. Please note that eligibility for the INDIAN OCEAN and PAKISTAN clasps is established under the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami and Other Natural Disasters Relief) Regulations 2005*. Eligibility for all other clasps is established under the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations (1999)*.

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<b>CLASP</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>COMMENCEMENT OR DATE OF PARTICIPATION</b>
AFGHANISTAN	Australian Red Cross	15 September 1988
	International Committee of the Red Cross	15 September 1988
	Australian contingents to United Nations organizations	8 December 1979
	World Vision	31 October 2001
BALKANS (Zone 1 – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia)	CARE Australia	21 February 1992
	Australian Red Cross	1 January 1993 to 25 Nov 1995
	Aust contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross	2 April 1997 to 30 Sept 1997
	World Vision Australia	18 July 1995 to 5 Feb 1997
	Aust contingent to UN organisations serving in Zone 1 in relation to the declared operation	21 February 1992
BALKANS (Zone 2 – Serbia incl Kosovo and areas in the Republic of Albania and the FYROM)	CARE Australia	24 March 1999
	Aust contingent to UN organisations serving in Zone 2 in relation to the declared operation	24 March 1999
	World Vision Australia	24 March 1999

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CAMBODIA	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	1 Jul 1979 to 31 Dec 1993
	Australian Lutheran World	15 Jun 1993 to 31 Dec 1993
	Australian Red Cross	1 Jan 1988 to 31 Dec 1993
	CARE Australia	11 Sept 1990 to 31 Dec 1993
	Overseas Services Bureau	28 Jan 1988 to 31 Dec 1993
	Save the Children Fund Aust	1 Jan 1993 to 31 Dec 1993
	World Vision Australia	1 Jul 1979 to 31 Dec 1993
	Australian contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross	1 Jul 1979 to 31 Dec 1991
EAST TIMOR	Aust civilian contingent to the United Nations organisations serving in the declared operation	1 June 1999 to 19 May 2002
	Aust contingent to International Medical Corps	1 June 1999 to 19 May 2002
	Aust contingent to International Red Cross	1 June 1999 to 19 May 2002
	Australian Red Cross	1 June 1999 to 19 May 2002
	CARE Australia	28 September 1999 to 19 May 2002
	Caritas Australia	1 June 1999 to 19 May 2002
	Community Aid Abroad-Oxfam (Aust contingent to Oxfam International)	29 September 1999 to 30 September 2000
	Timor Aid Inc	1 June 1999 to 19 May 2002
	World Vision Australia	1 October 1999 to 19 May 2002
	Aust contingent to the Jesuit Refugee Service	1 June 1999 to 19 May 2002
	Aust contingent to the East Timor Ambulance Service	1 June 2001 to 19 May 2002

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CLASP	ORGANISATION	COMMENCEMENT OR DATE OF PARTICIPATION
GREAT LAKES	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	1 May 1994 to 31 Dec 1996
	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	1 May 1994
	Australian Lutheran World Service	1 Dec 1994 to 31 May 1995
	Australian Red Cross	10 Dec 1996 to 1 Nov 1997
	Australian contingent to the International Fed of the Red Cross	4 August 1994 to 6 Nov 1994
	CARE Australia	4 May 1994 to 13 Feb 1997
	World Vision Australia	27 Jul 1994
	Church Missionary Society – Australia	17 July 1994 to 13 June 1996
	Australian contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross	1 May 1994

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CLASP	ORGANISATION	COMMENCEMENT OR DATE OF PARTICIPATION
<p>INDIAN OCEAN (Tsunami relief effort)</p> <p>(Qualifying period for this phase of the operation is either: 7 days between 26/12/04 and 8/1/05; or 14 days between 26/12/04 and 12/2/05.)</p>	<p>Adventist Development and Relief Agency Australia</p> <p>Australia Sri Lanka Medical Aid Team</p> <p>Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)</p> <p>Australian Capital Territory sponsored emergency response teams</p> <p>Australian Defence Force</p> <p>Australian Federal Police and State and Territory police forces</p> <p>Australian Red Cross</p> <p>Australian Volunteers International</p> <p>Maldives Short Term Teacher Project</p> <p>Care Australia</p> <p>Caritas Australia</p> <p>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p> <p>Emergency Management Australia</p> <p>Australian contingent to the humanitarian relief operation of GE Infrastructure, Water &amp; Process Technologies</p> <p>New South Wales sponsored emergency response teams</p> <p>Australian contingent to Oxfam Great Britain</p> <p>Queensland sponsored emergency response teams</p> <p>South Australia sponsored emergency response teams</p> <p>Australian contingent to Surfaid International</p> <p>Australian contingents to United Nations organisations</p> <p>Victoria sponsored emergency response teams</p> <p>Western Australia sponsored emergency response teams</p> <p>World Vision Australia</p> <p>Youth Off The Streets</p>	<p>A qualifying period or periods of service between</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 December 2004 and 12 February 2005 (inclusive)</p> <p>can be eligible service for all listed organisations.</p>

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INDIAN OCEAN (Earthquake relief effort)  (Qualifying period for this phase of the operation is 7 days between 28/3/05 and 18/4/05.)	Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)	A qualifying period or periods of service between
	Australian Defence Force	28 March 2005 and 18 April 2005 (inclusive)
	Australian Red Cross	can be eligible service for all listed organisations.
	Caritas Australia	
	Emergency Management Australia	
	Australian contingent to Oxfam Great Britain	
	Australian contingent to Surfaid International	
Australian contingents to United Nations organisations		
IRAQ	Australian Red Cross	20 March 2003 to 25 August 2003
	CARE Australia	20 March 2003
	World Vision Australia	20 March 2003
	Australian contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross	20 March 2003
	Australian contingent to the United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	20 March 2003
	Australian contingent to the rehabilitation program in Iraq carried out by the Coalition Provisional Authority	26 April 2003
MOZAMBIQUE	World Vision Australia	26 August 1991 to 31 Jan 1995
	OSB (Aust Volunteers International)	10 October 1985 to 31 Jan 1995
	CARE Australia	2 Sept 1990 to 31 Jan 1995
	Lutheran World Service	1 Jul 1989 to 30 Jun 1992
NORTHERN IRAQ	Australian civilian contingents to the United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	20 May 1991 to 31 May 1995
	CARE Australia	1 Sept 1991 to 31 May 1995
	Australian Red Cross	1 Feb 1991 to 28 Feb 1992

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PAKISTAN  (Qualifying period of service is 14 days between 08/10/05 and 08/11/05; or 30 days between 08/10/05 and 31/05/06)	Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)	16 October 2005 to 3 November 2005
	Australian Aid International	18 October 2005 to 26 May 2006
	Australian Defence Force	9 November 2005 to 8 April 2006
	Australian contingent to the International Committee of the Red Cross	14 October 2005 to 31 May 2006
	Australian contingent to the International Federation of the Red Cross	14 October 2005 to 31 May 2006
	Australian contingent to Oxfam Great Britain	10 October 2005 to 15 January 2006
	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations	8 October 2005 to 31 May 2006
	Australian contingent to World Vision International	8 October 2005 to 31 December 2005
SOMALIA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	1 Jan 1993 to 1 Jan 1996
	Australian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	1 Mar 1992 to 1 Jan 1996
	Australian Red Cross	17 Sept 1992 to 1 Jan 1996
	CARE Australia	15 Aug 1992 to 14 Apr 1994
	UNICEF	1 Mar 1992 to 21 Jan 1994
	World Vision Australia	26 Nov 1994 to 1 Jan 1996
SOUTH SUDAN	Australian Red Cross	1 June 1992
	TEAR Australia	22 July 1998 to 28 August 1998
	World Vision Australia	23 May 1992 to 30 July 1998
	CARE Australia	1 May 1993
	Australian civilian contingent to United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	29 Jul 1998 to 28 Feb 1999
SOUTH VIETNAM	Project Concern Australia	29 May 1964 to 31 Dec 1968
	The organisation comprising Australian volunteers who worked at the Holy Family Hospital in Qui Nhon, South Vietnam	1 Jan 1969 to 29 Apr 1975
	World Vision Australia	1 Jun 1972 to 30 April 1975

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### **QUALIFYING PERIOD OF SERVICE**

Except as noted for the INDIAN OCEAN and PAKISTAN clasps, the qualifying period of humanitarian service given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days. The qualifying period of humanitarian service for all clasps may be aggregated from several periods of service with one or more of the specified organisations for a particular clasp. Periods of service from different clasps cannot be aggregated to qualify for the Medal. If a person gave humanitarian service as a member of two or more specified organisations, a day of such service only counts as one day of service – it is not multiplied by the number of organisations served.

### **INSPECTION VISITS**

Inspection visits can usually be counted towards an award of the Medal. Where provision has been made to allow it, a person's inspection visit is counted as humanitarian service for a particular clasp if the person made the visit as a member of an organisation specified for that clasp and satisfied the other time and place conditions.