



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Businessline

Action Required:

Delegates to note that Australian Defence Force (ADF) Support Operations in Somalia and ADF reconnaissance tasks and support to Prime Minister's visit to the Ukraine have been declared as 'non-warlike service' under the VEA and MRCA; and updates to DVA ICT systems as required.

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SUBJECT: Australian Defence Force (ADF) 'Support Operations' in Somalia and ADF reconnaissance tasks and support to Prime Minister's visit to the Ukraine have been declared as 'non-warlike service' under the VEA and MRCA.

Purpose: To inform delegates that:

- Australian Defence Force 'Support operations' in Somalia have been determined as 'non-warlike' service; and
- ADF reconnaissance tasks and support to the Prime Minister's visit to the Ukraine have been declared as 'non-warlike' service.

Key Points:

- The Minister for Defence Personnel has recently declared the ADF 'Support Operations' as 'non-warlike service, under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004* (MRCA) and *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA).
- The 'Support operations' is the ADF contribution to activities in Somalia for the period beginning 21 December 2020 and ending 11 February 2021.

- The operational area comprises the land, territorial waters and superjacent airspace of Somalia.
- ADF reconnaissance tasks and support to Prime Minister's visit to the Ukraine have been declared as 'non-warlike service'.
- Eligibility includes participation in defined tasks for the period beginning 18 June 2022 and ending 3 July 2022 within a specified area of land, and superjacent airspace of the Ukraine.

Further Information:

The *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Non-warlike Service) Amendment Determination 2024 (No. 1)* has amended the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Non-warlike Service) Determination 2019* to include two new non-warlike operations.

The Somalia 'Support operations' are named, but the name of the operation does not appear on the Instrument. An operation coinciding with the veteran's deployment should appear on service records. If required, delegates can contact Liability and Service Eligibility Section for confirmation of relevant service.

The Ukraine activity will be recorded in service records as 'Ukraine non-warlike activity'.

These determinations can also be viewed on the Federal Register of Legislation (www.legislation.gov.au) via a keyword search.

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