



# The Ebola Medal for Service in West Africa

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## **THE EBOLA MEDAL FOR SERVICE IN WEST AFRICA**

Service in West Africa from 23 March 2014

On 24 April 2015 Her Majesty The Queen graciously approved a proposal for the issue of a special medal to recognise service by civilian and military personnel involved in the response to the Ebola crisis in West Africa.

The Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals has had under consideration the eligibility criteria and other details of the medal, known as the Ebola Medal for Service in West Africa. Their recommendations have been submitted to Her Majesty The Queen, who graciously approved them, as described below:

### **Operational Area**

The operational area for the medal will be the geographical territories of Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea, and their territorial waters. These countries have been defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as having had “widespread and intense transmission” of the Ebola virus.

### **Commencement Date**

The commencement date for the medal will be 23 March 2014. This reflects the date on which the World Health Organisation (WHO) first publicly recognised the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

The situation will be reviewed on a regular basis to determine whether the medal is still warranted.

### **Qualifying Period**

The qualifying period for the medal is set at 21 days of continuous service within the operational area, or 30 days of accumulated service on working visits within the operational area, provided that the visits are for a minimum of 48 hours each.

### **Qualifying Service Unexpectedly Reduced/Terminated**

If qualifying service is brought to an end before the completion of the specified qualifying period on account of death, serious illness, evacuation, wounding, or other disability due to service in the operational area, and the individual had otherwise been expected to complete the qualifying period but for the unexpected termination, the reduced period completed by the individual will be sufficient qualification for an award.

Details of the recommendations for eligible and excluded personnel are as follows:

## **Eligible Personnel**

The Ebola Medal is to recognise the services of those supporting HMG's effort in West Africa. Therefore the following groups who have been deployed to the operational area for service to the UK's Ebola response efforts will be eligible for the medal:

- a) Military personnel under the command of Commander of Joint Operations and other members of the UK Armed Forces who are providing direct support to HMG's response to the Ebola crisis;
- b) Any volunteer or employee directly deployed by the Department for International Development, UK Med, Public Health England, NHS, or Stabilisation Unit in support of HMG's response to the Ebola crisis;
- c) Any member of the UK civil service;
- d) Any UK national working for a non-governmental organisation supporting the HMG response funded by the Department for International Development;
- e) Any other UK national responding to the Ebola crisis in support of HMG's response and whose service can be verified by HMG.

## **Exclusions**

- i) Locally engaged civilians; and;
- ii) Dual Nationals resident in Sierra Leone.

## **Specifications, Design and Production**

The Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Her Majesty will appear on the obverse of the medal with the wording ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID DEF. Details of the agreed design for the reverse, which has also been approved by the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, together with the design for the medal ribbon, are attached.

Material: Nickel Silver

Diameter: 36 mm (+/- 0.1mm)

Thickness: 3.5 mm (+/- 0.1mm)

Manufacture: Die struck with square edges and machined to remove sharp edges.

Finish: Obverse and reverse polished die finish.

Engraving: Recipient's name to be inscribed on rim.

Ribbon Design: The ribbon is comprised of a central yellow stripe flanked by blue and white stripes and symmetrical red stripes flanked by green stripes on either side of the central stripe. These colours are intended to represent the colours of the flags of the West African countries affected by Ebola.

The medal will be on a straight bar swivel and be placed in a presentation case.

The medal should carry no rights to the use of post-nominal letters.

The medal will be manufactured by Worcestershire Medals Service and will be sent out automatically to most recipients by the end of the year. Individuals who fall into category e (“Any other UK national responding to the Ebola crisis and whose service can be verified by HMG”) will need to nominate themselves.

**Design for the Ebola Medal for Service in West Africa**

**Obverse**

**Enlarged**



**Actual Size**



**Reverse**

**Enlarged**



**Actual Size**



**Ribbon Design**





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