



NZ Special Service Medal (Nuclear Testing) – Applications Still Open

In 2002, the New Zealand Government recognised the service of our nuclear test veterans by the institution of a new medal, the New Zealand Special Service Medal (Nuclear Testing).

This medal is awarded to the personnel who were part of an official New Zealand Government presence at an atmospheric nuclear test between 1956 and 1973.

More than 600 medals have been issued since 2002, but many medals have not been yet been claimed. We encourage veterans and their families to apply for this medal.

NAVAL SERVICE WHICH QUALIFY PERSONS FOR THE NZSSM (NUCLEAR TESTING)

HMNZS PUKAKI	15 May 1957, 31 May 1957, or 19 June 1957
HMNZS ROTOITI	15 May 1957, 31 May 1957, or 19 June 1957
HMNZS PUKAKI	8 November 1957
HMNZS ROTOITI	8 November 1957
HMNZS PUKAKI	28 April 1958
HMNZS PUKAKI	22 August 1958, 2 September 1958, 11 September 1958, or 23 September 1958
HMNZS OTAGO	22 July 1973
HMNZS CANTERBURY	28 July 1973

Applications for this medal are still open. For more information go to <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/medal-and-service-records/medal-applications>