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Require the Secretary of State to introduce a National Defence Medal; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Eligibility

- (1) The following personnel shall be entitled to receive and wear a medal to be known as the National Defence Medal (“the medal”).
- (2) All personnel who are in paid effective military service with the regular forces on 1 May 2015, who have completed two calendar years service and were enlisted on or before 2 May 2013. 5
- (3) All personnel who are in effective military service with the reserve forces on 1 May 2015, who have completed two annual bounty earning training years, one of which must have been the year 2014-2015, and were enlisted on or before 2 May 2013. 10
- (4) Any member of the Military Provost Guard Service (“MPGS”) whose MPGS paid service equates to the two years qualifying period.
- (5) Contracted Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel in service on 1 May 2015 who have completed the two years qualifying period.
- (6) Any person who has ever served in any of the forces mentioned in subsections (2) - (5) for a minimum of two years shall also be eligible under subsection (1). 15

2 Design

- (1) The Secretary of State shall by regulation make provision about the design of the medal.
- (2) No instrument containing regulations under this Act is to be made unless a draft has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House. 20

3 Interpretation

In this Act—

“the regular army” means any of Her Majesty’s military forces other than—

- (a) the Army Reserve; 5
- (b) the Territorial Army; and
- (c) forces raised under the law of a British overseas territory;

“the regular forces” means the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the regular army or the Royal Air Force;

“the reserve forces” means the Royal Fleet Reserve, the Royal Naval Reserve, the Royal Marines Reserve, the Army Reserve, the Territorial Army, the Royal Air Force Reserve or the Royal Auxiliary Air Force. 10

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day following Royal Assent. 15
- (3) This Act may be cited as the National Defence Medal Act 2015.

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