

# GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

**Instituted:** In terms of a warrant dated 24/05/1989, signed by The Hon. P.W. Botha (State President ) and Genl. M.A. Malan ( p/p : State President-in-Cabinet ), with effect from 01/04/1976 and published in Government Gazette no 12907, dated 21/12/1990.

**Awarded to:** All members of the SADF.

**Post Nominal Letters:** None.

**Award Criteria:** The medal was awarded to a member of the SADF or the Auxiliary services of the SADF, who has since 01/01/1983 been employed, within the borders of the Republic of South Africa, in the prevention or suppression of terrorism, or internal disorder in the Republic, or in the preservation of life, health or property, or for the maintenance of essential services, including the maintenance of law and order, or the prevention of crime, in co-operation with the South African Police.

A clasp to the medal, the MALUTI CLASP, was instituted by warrant on the 09/05/2002, to members of the SADF who distinguished themselves by participation in Operations BOLEAS and MALUTI in Lesotho.

**Qualifying Period :** Service rendered between 01/01/1983 – 27/04/1994.

The following is deemed to be qualifying service for the award of this medal:

- Service rendered within the borders of South Africa for a continuous period of 55 days, or for a non-continuous period of 90 days; or
- Whilst rendering such service, irrespective of the period of service, was injured or killed and was thus prevented from completing the required period of service.

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General Service Medal  
obverse



Maluti Clasp worn  
on ribbon of GSM

