

New Zealand Defence Force Medal Survey

This is a voluntary survey to assist the New Zealand Defence Force to support the independent Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group (JWG) established by the Ministers of Defence and Veterans' Affairs.

The NZDF has been asked by the JWG to undertake a survey on the proposed New Zealand Defence Force Medal. The JWG has asked the NZDF to engage with all current and ex-military service personnel on this subject.

This survey is open to all currently serving personnel, ex-service personnel and to their families.

This survey is administered in accordance with the Privacy Act (1993) and guidelines for research practice outlined in Defence Force Order 21/2002. The information collected from respondents will be treated strictly as "in-confidence". Legislation prohibits us from publishing information that identifies you. Consent to use this information for the purpose of this research is implied by completing the survey.

What happens to your information?

- Completed surveys are sent directly to the NZDF project team which is located in the Military Personnel Policy Directorate of Personnel Branch, HQNZDF. Responses are entered into a central database. The database will not contain specific information that will identify you. Hardcopies of responses will be securely destroyed once the research has been completed.
- A report will be written using the information gathered and the report will focus on NZDF wide and ex-service wide responses rather than individual responses to the Joint Working Group's questions.
- Individual information from the surveys will not be given out to anyone for any reason.

In the survey you are asked to provide some general demographic and service history. This will allow us to determine whether there are differences in opinions across various groups of service personnel.

Your opinions are important in developing New Zealand's future medallic policy. The comments and information generated in response to the survey questions will be listened to.

About the proposed New Zealand Defence Force Medal

The Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group has been directed by the Ministers of Defence and Veterans' Affairs to consider options, to undertake consultation, to prepare recommendations and draft eligibility criteria for the proposed New Zealand Defence Force Medal.

It is intended that the medal would recognise attested military service for New Zealand since 3 September 1945.

Note: Attested military service for New Zealand during the Second World War has already been appropriately recognised by the award of the New Zealand War Service Medal.

Operational service has long been recognised by the award of campaign medals and more recently by the New Zealand Operational Service Medal. With the exception of awards for long service, however, there is no medallic recognition for the many men and women in the New Zealand Defence Force who have not undertaken operational or special service. This includes, for example, those who have served only in New Zealand, in Singapore and Malaysia between 1966 and 1989, in the Antarctic on "Operation Deep Freeze", or on Compulsory Military Training (1950-1959) and National Service (1961-1972).

It is intended that the proposed new medal(s) would also be issued to the families of deceased service persons.

Any interested persons may complete this survey.

Note: The award of the NZDF Medal(s) would not confer entitlement to War Pension coverage.

Survey responses will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on 23 July 2009.

Consultation responses should be sent to:

by e-mail: medals.admp@nzdf.mil.nz

or by mail: FREEPOST 131066
New Medal Survey
RNZRSA
P O Box 27 248
Marion Square
WELLINGTON 6141.

or by fax: (04) 498 6520
ATTN: Assistant Director Medals Policy
Headquarters NZDF

Other information

Submissions in person

Organisations which wish to give submissions in person to the Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group should contact the Assistant Director Medals Policy, HQNZDF, via e-mail:

medals.admp@nzdf.mil.nz

Please note that:

- Submissions in person can only be made in Wellington; and
- All travel and accommodation expenses are the responsibility of the organisation or person who is making the submission.

Online survey

There is also an online survey on the proposed NZDF Medal(s) being run from 15 June to 23 July 2009.

There are prominent links to the online survey on the:

NZDF Medals website: <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/medal-survey/> and the

NZDF website: <http://nzdf.mil.nz/medal-survey/>

Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to complete the NZDF Medal survey. It begins with questions about who you are, or who you are completing it on behalf of, and continues with a variety of questions regarding whether an NZDF Medal(s) should be created, and what service should be recognised by the proposed medal(s).

There are 20 questions. We would appreciate you providing answers to all questions that apply to you, but you also have the option to respond to only those that matter to you.

Please circle the answer which you wish to choose.

Spaces have been left for any comments you wish to make related to each question.

If you wish to you can attach additional pages of comments.

Again, thank you!

Demographic Information

Question 1.

Does this survey relate to:

- a. Your own military service.
- b. Military service of a deceased relative.
- c. Military service of a living relative.
- d. Your opinion on the subject, although you have not served in the military.

Notes:

If you are completing the survey on behalf of a relative (living or deceased) please complete the form with the details of that person. Please complete one survey per individual (if you are filling this form out for more than one person).

If you are unsure how to answer any questions, please enter your best answer.

The questions use the terms "you" or "your". If filling in the survey on behalf of a relative.

Question 2. What age are you?

Please circle: 10-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69
 70-79 80-89 90-99 100-109

Completing the form on behalf of someone who is deceased.

Question 7.

Are you currently a serving uniformed member of the New Zealand Defence Force?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 8.

How many medals (if any) have you been awarded for service in the New Zealand military?

Please circle: 0 1 2 3 4 5

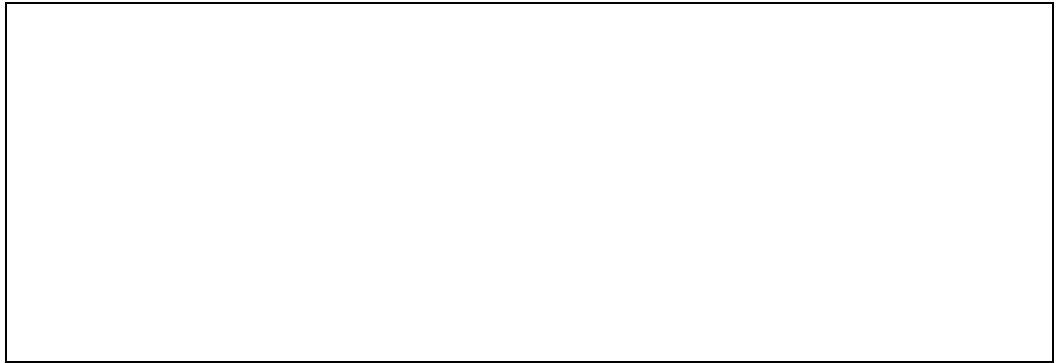
 6 7 8 9 10 or more

Question 9.

Which of the following medals (if any) have you been awarded for service in the New Zealand military? (Please circle all that apply).

- a. Campaign, peace-keeping or operational service medals
- b. New Zealand Special Service medal(s)
- c. Long Service award(s)
- d. Gallantry or bravery award(s)
- e. State Orders e.g. ONZM, MNZM, OBE, MBE or DSD.
- f. Other medals, decorations or awards (not including Commendations or badges).
- g. None (not including Commendations or badges).

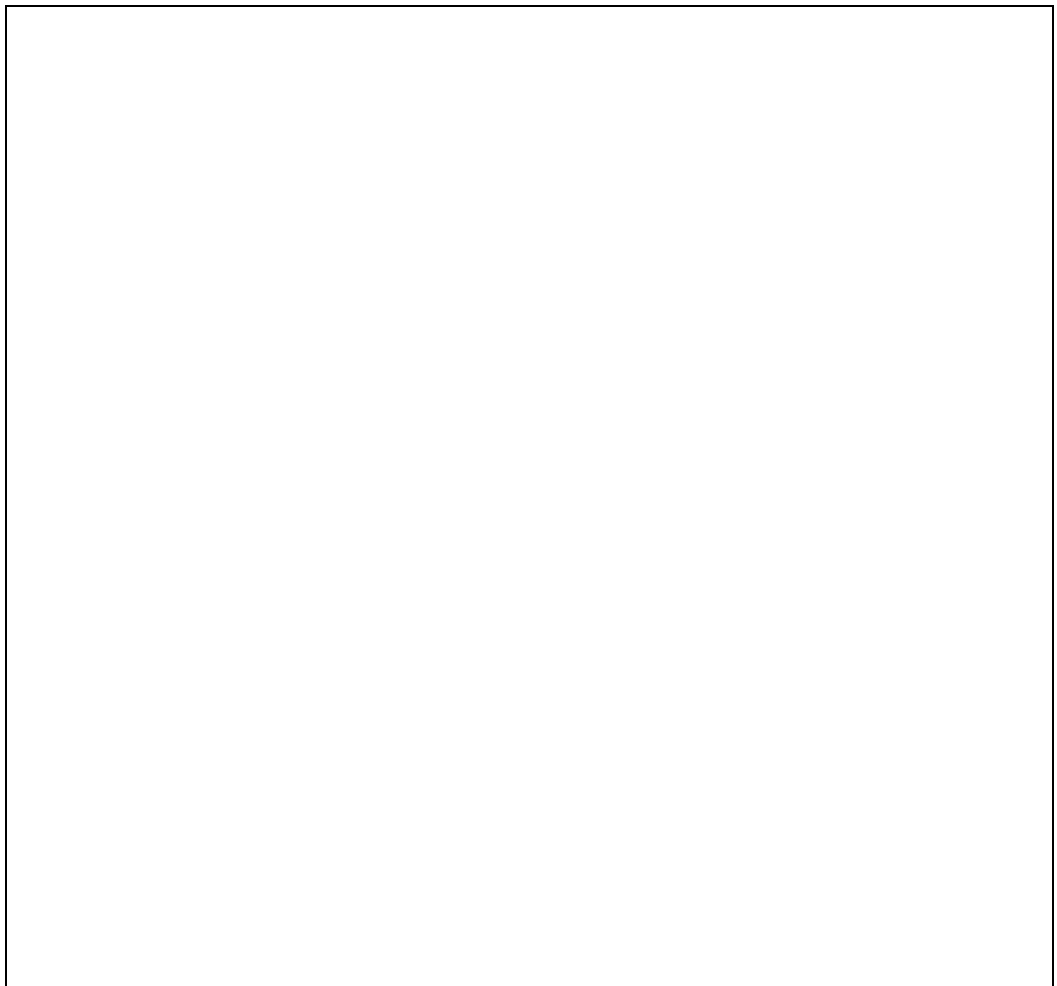
If you are unsure which category a medal fits into, please enter any information you have regarding your medal in the comments box on the next page.



Question 10. A NZDF Medal?

Do you think a New Zealand Defence Force Medal should be created?

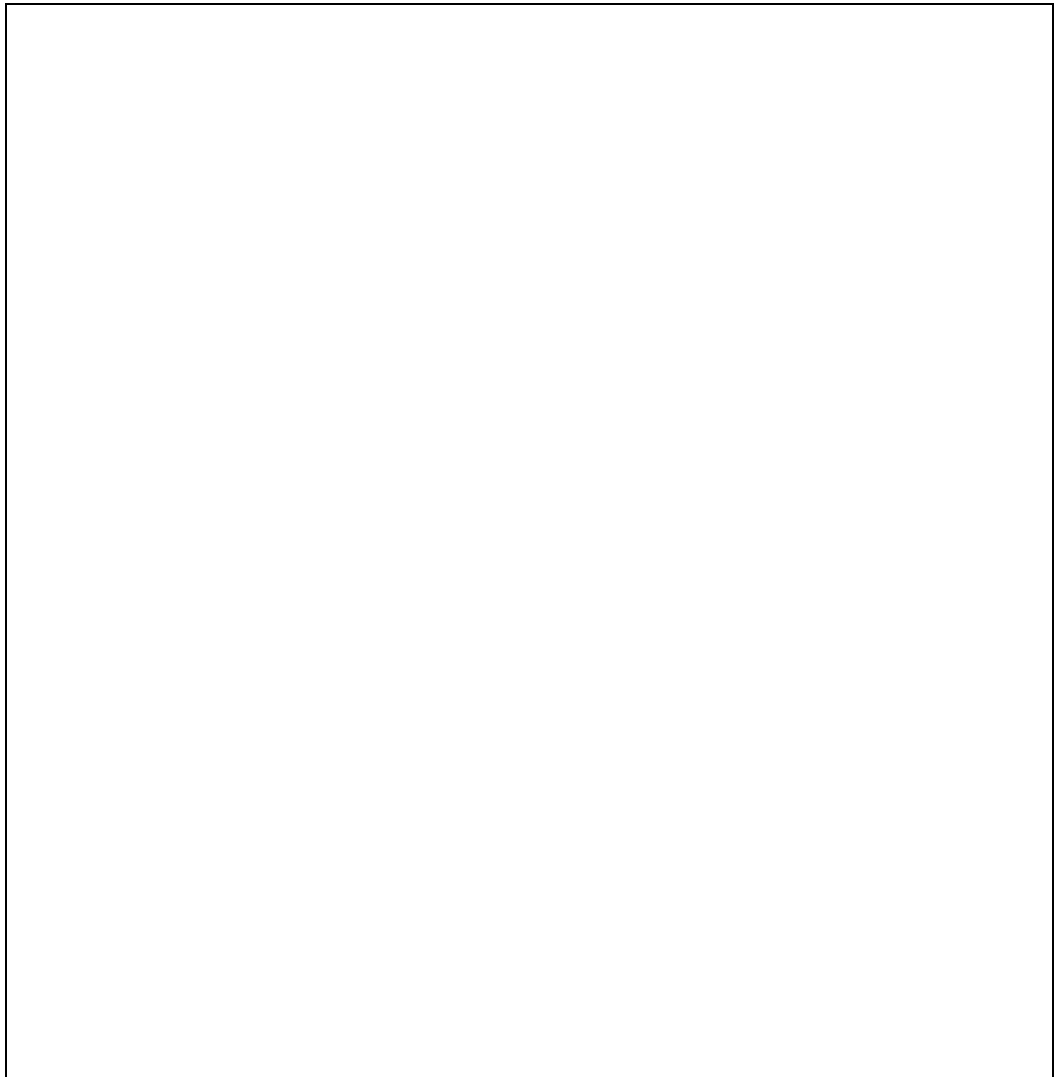
- a. Yes
- b. No



Question 11. Length of Service

How long do you think a person should have served in the New Zealand military to be awarded the New Zealand Defence Force Medal?

- a. 1 year
- b. 2 years
- c. 3 years
- d. 4 years
- e. 5 years
- f. 6 years
- g. more than 6 years

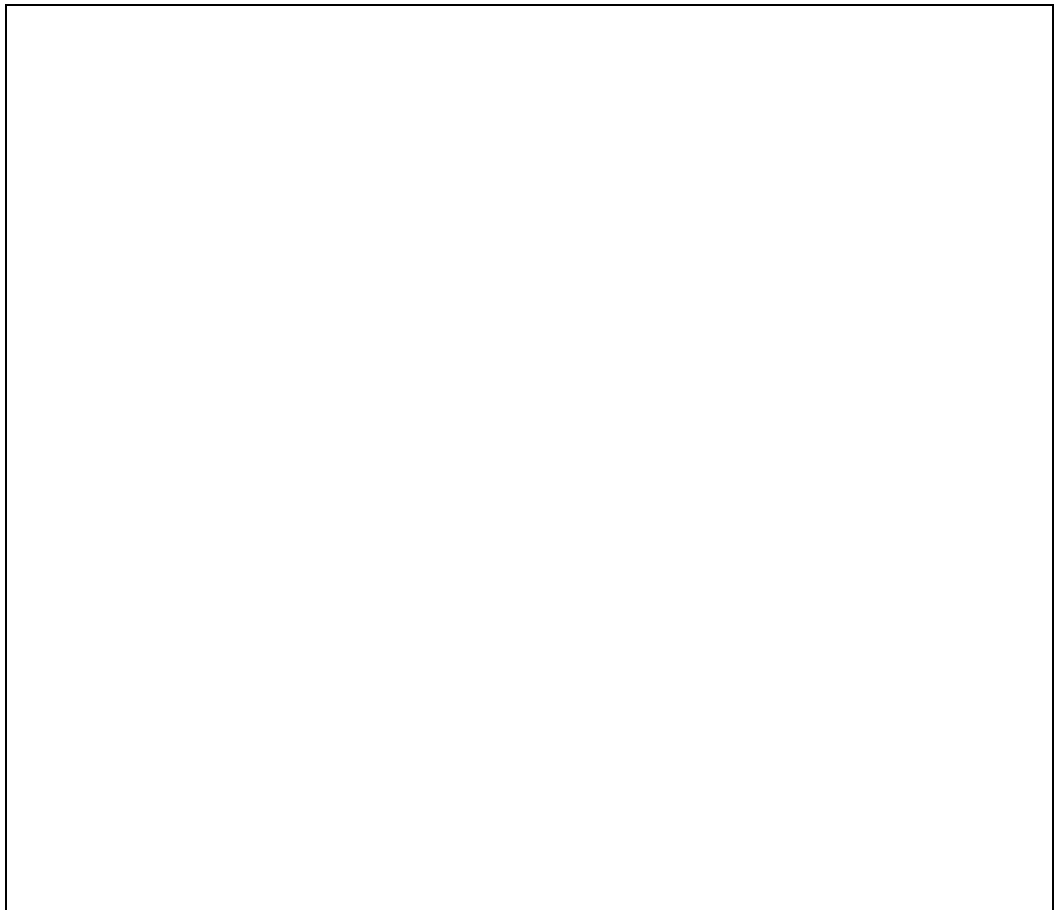


Question 12. Type of Medallic Recognition

With regard to the type of medallic recognition, should there be:

(Please circle one option only)

- a. **One medal for all** - with no clasps.
- b. **One medal for all** - with multiple clasps for Regular Force, volunteer Territorial service, and Compulsory Military Training / National Service
- c. **Two medals:**
one for Regular Force or volunteer Territorial service; and
one medal for Compulsory Military Training and National Service.
- d. **Three medals:**
one for Regular Force service;
a second medal for volunteer Territorial service; and
a third medal for Compulsory Military Training and National Service.



Question 13. Aggregating Part-time and Full-time Service

Should every “efficient” * year in the part-time Territorial Force (volunteer or Compulsory Military Training / National Service) be equivalent to one full-time year Regular Force service (for the purposes of accumulating service for this medal(s))?

* **Definition:** An “efficient” year of service is when a person meets or exceeds the yearly requirements of his / her engagement in the Territorial Force (volunteer or Compulsory Military Training / National Service). The number of days’ service required to be “efficient” has varied over time, but has generally been about 20 days’ equivalent full-time service per training year.

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 14. Cumulative Service

To be eligible for the medal, should service be cumulative? – i.e. not required to be consecutive service for the full qualifying eligibility period. (Cumulative service allows personnel to break service and come back and not lose the benefit of their prior service).

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 15. Deaths in Service

Should the medal(s) be awarded to service personnel who die while in service (in NZ or overseas) before they reach the qualifying length of service? I.e. this policy would include service persons who die from any cause while undertaking training or military service in New Zealand and service personnel who die while serving overseas.

- a. Yes
- b. No

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Should the medal(s) be awarded to service personnel who are medically discharged due to an injury attributable to their service before obtaining the qualifying length of service?

- a. Yes
- b. No

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Question 17. Behaviour or Conduct

Should there be a good behaviour or conduct requirement for the award of the medal(s)?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 18. Only answer this question if you undertook Compulsory Military Training (1950-1959) or balloted National Service (1961-1972).

Would you consider the same medal being awarded to all who have served (Regular Force, volunteer Territorial, or conscripted service) appropriate and sufficient medallic recognition for conscripted service?

Definition: Conscripted service refers to Compulsory Military Training (1950-1959) and balloted National Service (1961-1972).


- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 19. Only answer this question if you did not undertake Compulsory Military Training (1950-1959) or balloted National Service (1961-1972).

Would you consider it appropriate for the same medal to be awarded to all who have served (Regular Force, volunteer Territorial, or conscripted service)?

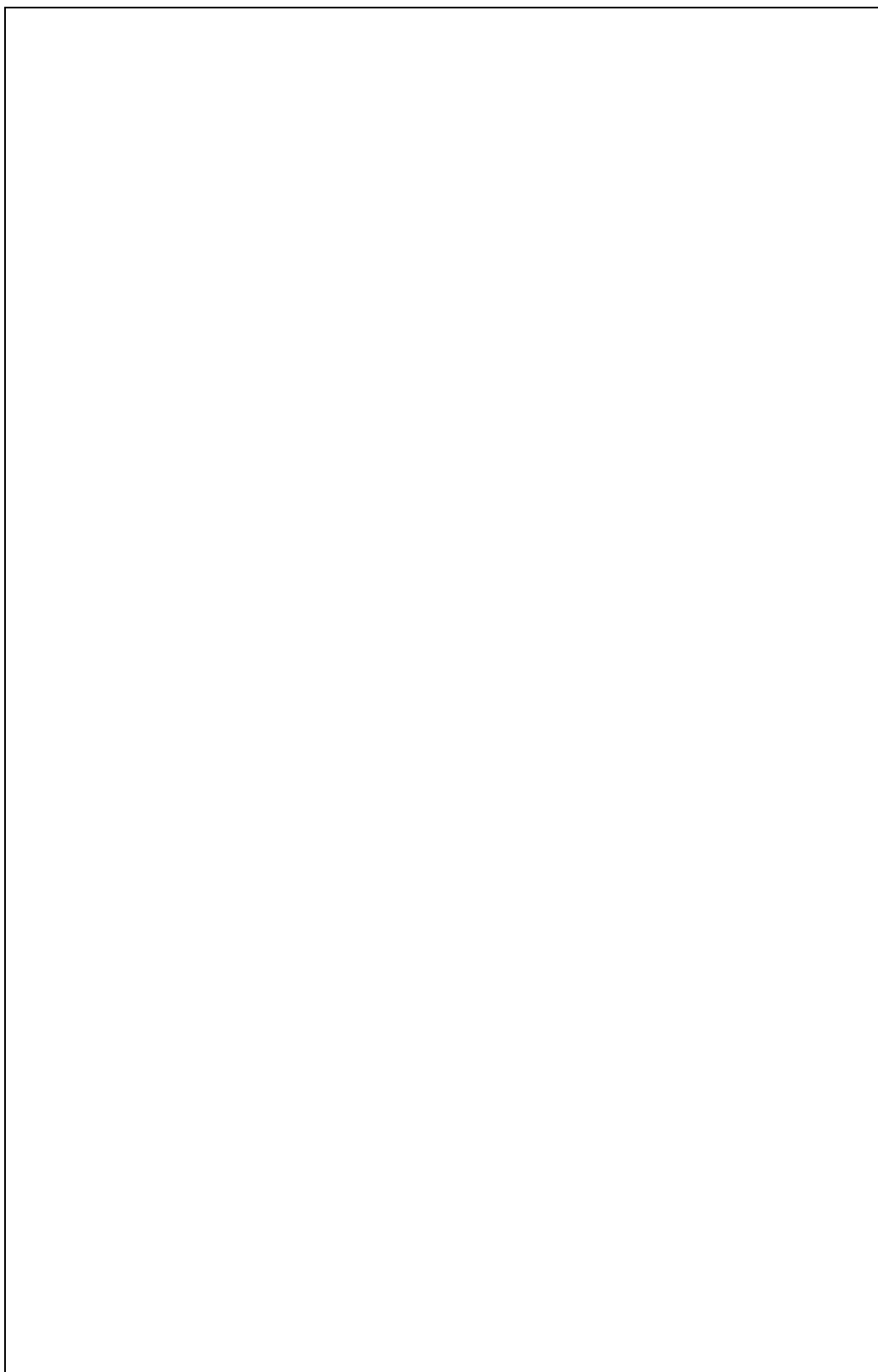
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- a. Yes
- b. No



Question 20. Additional Comments or Issues

Any additional comments or issues you want the Joint Working Group to consider.
Please write these in the comments box below.

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