

DoD Definition of Combat Operations for Title 10 Service Members¹

Nation / Body of Water	DoD Country	DoD Limitation ³	GWOT ⁴	Combat Zone Tax Exclusion ⁵		GWOTEM (28 Oct 03) ⁹	Campaign Medals	HF/IDP ¹¹
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Adriatic Sea	8D	Sea area and airspace above		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo ⁶)	Present			
Afghanistan	AF	Land area and airspace above	X	19 Sep 01 (CZ via EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁶)	Present	X	X	X
Albania	AL	Land area and airspace above		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo ⁶)	Present			
Algeria	AG	Land area, airspace above and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Angola	AO	Land area						Terminates effective 01 NOV 07 (OUSD(PR) memo dtd 27 MAR 07)
Arabian Sea	6R	Sea area (north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude) and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Azerbaijan	AJ	Land area, airspace above and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Bab el Mandeb		Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Bahrain	BA	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BK	Land area and airspace above	X	21 Nov 95 (QHDA via P.L. 104-117, Bosnia ⁷)	Terminates effective 01 NOV 07	X (also includes water)		Terminates effective 01 NOV 07 (OUSD(PR) memo dtd 27 MAR 07)
Bulgaria	BU	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Burundi	BY	Land area						X
Chad	CD	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Colombia	CO	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Congo, Dem Rep of	CF	Land area						X
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	IV	Land area						X
Crete	GR	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		

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Croatia	HR	Land area and airspace above		21 Nov 95 (QHDA, via P.L. 104-117, Bosnia ⁷)	Terminates effective 01 NOV 07			Terminates effective 01 NOV 07 (OUSD(PR) memo dtd 27 MAR 07)
Cuba, Guantanamo Bay	CU	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (JTF GTMO Detention Facility)
Cyprus	CY	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Diego Garcia (British Indian Ocean Territory)	IO	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Djibouti	DJ	Land area	X	1 Jul 02 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
East Timor (formerly Portuguese Timor)	TR	Land area						X
Egypt	EG	Land area	X	19 Mar 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF ⁸)	20 Apr 03	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Eritrea	ER	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Ethiopia	ET	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Georgia, Republic of	GG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		Terminates effective 01 NOV 07 (OUSD(PR) memo dtd 27 MAR 07)
Greece	GR	Land area (Athens)						X
Gulf of Aden	6D	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Gulf of Aqaba	6Q	Sea area and airspace above	X			X		
Gulf of Oman	6M	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Gulf of Suez	6W	Sea area and airspace above	X			X		
Haiti	HA	Land area						X

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Hungary	HU	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Indonesia	ID	Land area						X
Ionian Sea	8N	Sea area and airspace above north of the 39th north parallel		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo ⁶)	Present			
Iran	IR	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Iraq	IZ	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X (also includes water)	X	X
Israel	IS	Land area	X	1 Jan 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF ⁸)	31 Jul 03	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Jordan	JO	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸) and 19 Mar 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace and water)		X
Kazakhstan	KZ	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Kenya	KE	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area)
Kosovo (see Serbia)								
Kuwait	KU	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Kyrgyzstan	KG	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above)		X
Lebanon	LE	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area)
Liberia	LI	Land area						X
Macedonia	MK	Land area and airspace above		21 Nov 95 (QHDA, via P.L. 104-117, Bosnia ⁷)	Terminates effective 01 NOV 07			Terminates effective 01 NOV 07 (OUSD(PR) memo dtd 27 MAR 07)
Malaysia	MY	Land area						X
Mali	ML	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		

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Mauritania	MR	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Mediterranean Sea	8E	Sea area east of 30 degrees east longitude	X	11 Apr 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF ⁸)	31 Jul 03	X		Terminated 31 JUL 03 per OUSD(P&R) MEMO DTD 30 JUL 03
Mediterranean Sea ¹²	8E	Sea area east of 28 degrees east longitude	X			X		
Montenegro (was part of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia -FRY)	MW	Land area and airspace above		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo ⁶) and (QHDA via P. L. 106-21, Kosovo ⁷)	Present			X
Niger	NG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Nigeria	NI	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Oman	MU	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X (also includes water)		X (land area only)
Pakistan	PK	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Persian Gulf	6P	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X		X
Philippines	RP	Land area	X	9 Jan 02 ("If in Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Qatar	QA	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Red Sea	6E	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Romania	RO	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Rwanda	RW	Land area						X
Saudi Arabia	SA	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Senegal	SG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		

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Serbia (was part of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia - FRY); includes Kosovo	SR	Land area and airspace above	X	24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo ⁶) and (QHDA via P. L. 106-21, Kosovo ⁷)	Present	X ¹³		X
Sierra Leone	SL	Land area	X			X		Terminates effective 01 NOV 07 (OUSD(PR) memo dtd 27 MAR 07)
Somalia	SO	Land area, airspace and water	X	01 Jan 04 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X		X (land area and airspace)
Somali Basin		Sea area within coordinates: (1110N3-05115E2, 0600N6-04830E5, 0500N5-05030E8, 1130N5-05334E5; 0500N5-05030E8, 0100N1-04700E1, 0300S3-04300E7, 0100S1-04100E5, 0600N6-04830E5)	X	Effective 01 JAN 2007 PDUSD(P&R) Direct Support determination 05 JUL 07	Present			X (sea area effective 26 DEC 06)
Strait of Hormuz		Sea area and airspace	X			X		
Sudan	SU	Land area and airspace						X
Suez Canal	6U		X			X		
Syria	SY	Land area	X	1 Jan 04 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Tajikistan	TI	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above)		X
Tanzania	TZ	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Tunisia	TS	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Turkey	TU	Land area	X	21 Sep 01("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸) for Incirlik AB members; and 1 Jan 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF ⁸)	31 Dec 05	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X

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Turkmenistan	TX	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Uganda	UG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area)
United Arab Emirates	AE	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula ⁶)	Present	X (also includes water)		X (land area only)
Uzbekistan	UZ	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above)		X
Yemen	YM	Land area	X	10 Apr 02 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan ⁸)	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Yugoslavia (FRY--Federal Republic of Yugoslavia includes Serbia - Kosovo - and Montenegro)	YO	Land area and airspace		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo ⁶) and (QHDA via P. L. 106-21, Kosovo ⁷)	Present			X

NOTES

1. This spreadsheet provides the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the DoD definition of combat operations for Title 10 Service members as designated by Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Global War
2. DoD Country Codes are designated by Department of Defense Instruction 1336.5, Attachment 5 To Enclosure 4, dated May 2, 2001
3. DoD Limitation is based on Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) provisions. If no CZTE provisions apply, then the DoD Limitation is based on provisions authorizing Global War on Terrorism
4. The Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) is defined by combat operations as part of: a) Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), start date of October 7, 2001; and b) Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), start
5. A Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) area is designated in one of three ways: a) by the President via an Executive Order (EO); b) by the Congress via Public Law; or c) by SecDef via "in direct
6. A Combat Zone (CZ) is an area that the President has designated by Executive Order (EO) as an area where US forces are engaged in combat; it remains in effect until terminated by EO. There are
7. A Qualified Hazardous Duty Area (QHDA) is an area that Congress has designated through legislation where the Armed Forces are entitled to the same benefits afforded service in a Combat Zone
8. The SecDef has the authority under Treasury Regulations to extend Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) benefits to Service members performing military service outside of a Combat Zone (CZ) or
9. Two medals apply to service in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT): a) Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is authorized for members deployed abroad (foreign land, water and airspace
10. Campaign Medals fall under two categories: a) Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM) applies to service conducted on the land area of or airspace above Afghanistan; and b) Iraq Campaign Medal
11. Hostile Fire / Imminent Danger Pay (HF / IDP) recognizes Service members who are subject to hostile fire or explosion of hostile mines, and those on duty overseas who because of their role /
12. Members conducting boarding and searching vessel operations in the Mediterranean Sea qualify for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.
13. Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) operations conducted in Kosovo are approved for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, provided that the specified GWOT operation is not associated