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SERVICE
Awards



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A MESSAGE FROM

*His Excellency General
the Honourable Sir Peter
Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)*



The Australian honours system is a vital part of our social fabric. Honours help define, encourage and reinforce our national aspirations, ideals and standards by identifying those among us who make an outstanding contribution to our society.

The recipients of Australian honours and awards are very special men and women whose actions have set them apart and enriched our community across a broad range of professional, public and community service sectors.

In their daily lives these admirable people demonstrate those values that we as a nation hold dear—compassion, civility, dedication, courage, kindness, tolerance, and energetic ambition. They inspire us all to be more enthusiastic and giving, to uphold the responsibility of being fully engaged citizens.

On behalf of all Australians, I congratulate and thank all recipients of honours and awards, past and present. I highly regard your contribution and deeply appreciate your generosity of spirit. You are a source of motivation to us all.

QUITE SIMPLY, OURS IS A FAR RICHER AND STRONGER COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF YOU—WELL DONE.

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INTRODUCTION

The Meritorious Awards consist of the Public Service Medal, Australian Police Medal, Australian Fire Service Medal, Ambulance Service Medal, Emergency Services Medal and Australian Antarctic Medal.

- The Public Service Medal was established on 18 October 1989 to recognise public service employees, including those of the Australian Government and state, territory and local governments who have given outstanding public service.
- The Australian Police Medal was established on 3 March 1986. The medal recognises distinguished service by a member of an Australian police force.
- The Australian Fire Service Medal was established on 12 April 1988. The medal recognises distinguished service by a member of an Australian fire service. It is awarded to paid and volunteer members.
- The Ambulance Service Medal was established on 7 July 1999. The medal recognises distinguished service as a member of an Australian ambulance service.
- The Emergency Services Medal was established on 7 July 1999. The medal recognises distinguished service as a member of an Australian emergency service and people who are involved in emergency management, training or education.
- The Australian Antarctic Medal was established on 2 June 1987. Previously called the Antarctic Medal, it is awarded for outstanding service in scientific research or exploration, or in support of such work, in the course of, or in connection with an Australian Antarctic expedition.

The Governor-General makes these awards on the recommendation of the responsible Ministers. These awards are normally set for announcement on Australia Day (January 26) and The Queen's Birthday (June) each year, with the exception of the Australian Antarctic Medal which is announced on 21 June in a special Midwinter's Day honours list.

Upon publication of their award, recipients are entitled to have the appropriate post nominals placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.





INSIGNIA DESIGN



BETWEEN THE PERIOD 3 MARCH 1986 AND 7 JULY 1999, SIX NEW AWARDS WERE DESIGNED TO BE ADDED TO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM, AND WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS. THESE INCLUDE, IN ORDER OF WEARING, THE PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL, AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL, AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL, AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL, EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL AND THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL.

The Public Service Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal ensigned with a federation star. It is suspended by a ribbon which features the national colours of green and gold in a vertical striped pattern.

The Australian Police Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal ensigned with the crown of St Edward. It is suspended by a ribbon which features a central vertical stripe of dark blue flanked by two white stripes.

The Australian Fire Service Medal is a circular copper-nickel medal ensigned with the crown of St Edward. It is suspended by a ribbon which has a central vertical band of gold, which is superimposed with a red pattern symbolising flames. The two outer vertical bands are green.

The Ambulance Service Medal is circular and of silver and bronze tones. It is suspended by a ribbon which features a chevron or v-shaped pattern. The angles are derived from the open end of the arm of the cross. The chevrons are in alternate red, white, red, silver-grey.

The Emergency Services Medal is circular and of silver and bronze colouring. It is suspended by a ribbon which features a centre band of an orange and white checker-board pattern, flanked on each outer edge by a royal blue band.

The Australian Antarctic Medal is an octagonal nickel-silver medal ensigned with a hexagonal ice-crystal device which links the medal to the suspension bar. It is suspended by a ribbon which is snow-white moiré. At the edges three shades of blue merge into the white.





THE PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL

Shall be awarded to a person only for outstanding public service by the person.



THE AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL

Shall be awarded only for distinguished service by a member of an Australian police force.



THE AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

Shall be awarded only for distinguished service by a member of an Australian fire service.



THE AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL

Shall be awarded to a person who has given distinguished service as a member of an ambulance service.



THE EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL

May be awarded to a person who has given distinguished service as a member of an emergency service.



THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL

May be awarded to an Australian citizen or other person who has given outstanding service in scientific research or exploration, or in support of such work, in the course of, or in connection with, an Australian Antarctic expedition.



LETTERS PATENT

and

REGULATIONS

for

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL,

AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL,

AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL,

AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL,

EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL,

and

AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL





ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render outstanding public service:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute a medal to be designated and styled the Public Service Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the medal so instituted shall be governed by the Regulations Governing the Award of the Public Service Medal set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our
Court at St James's on
18 October 1989

By Her Majesty's Command,
R.J.L HAWKE
Prime Minister

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL

AS AMENDED

made under

LETTERS PATENT

This compilation was prepared on 23 November 2009
taking into account Amendments to *the Public Service Medal Regulations – 2003*

Prepared by the Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing,
Attorney General's Department, Canberra

**SHORT TITLE** [SEE NOTE 1]

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Medal Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations:
authority includes:
(a) a body corporate in which the Commonwealth, a State or a local government has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest; or
(b) an unincorporated body established by or for the Commonwealth, a State or a local government;
local government means a local government body established under a law of a State;
Medal means the Public Service Medal;
service means remunerated service;
State includes the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory and the Territory of Norfolk Island.

CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL [SEE NOTE 2]

- 3 (1) The Medal shall be awarded to a person only for outstanding public service by the person:
(a) with the Commonwealth, a State or a local government or with an authority of the Commonwealth, a State or a local government; or
(b) in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the Commonwealth, a State or a local government.
- (2) The Medal shall not be awarded to a person in respect of:
(a) service with the Commonwealth or with an authority of the Commonwealth; or
(b) service in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the Commonwealth;
if that award would result in the number of awards made in respect of that type of service during a calendar year exceeding 30.

- (3) The Medal shall not be awarded to a person in respect of:
- (a) service with a State specified in the following table, or with an authority of that State;
 - (b) service with a local government of that State or an authority of that local government; or
 - (c) service in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of that State or that local government;

if that award would result in the number of awards made in respect of that type of service during a calendar year exceeding the number set out opposite the name of that State in the following table:

NEW SOUTH WALES	22
VICTORIA	17
QUEENSLAND	11
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	6
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	6
TASMANIA	3
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	3
NORTHERN TERRITORY	2

- (4) The Medal shall not be awarded to a person in respect of:
- (a) service with the Territory of Norfolk Island or with an authority of that Territory; or
 - (b) service in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of that Territory;
- if that award would result in the number of awards made in respect of that type of service during a period of 3 calendar years exceeding one.





MAKING OF AWARDS

- 4 (1) An award of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General and notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.
- (2) The Medal shall not be awarded except upon the nomination of the responsible Minister.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-regulation (2), the responsible Minister is:
- (a) in the case of service with the Commonwealth, with an authority of the Commonwealth or in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the Commonwealth—the Prime Minister or a Minister of State for the Commonwealth acting for and on behalf of the Prime Minister;
 - (b) in the case of service with a State, a local government of the State, an authority of the State or of the local government or in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the State or the local government—the Premier of that State or a Minister of the Crown of that State acting for and on behalf of the Premier;
 - (ba) in the case of service with the Australian Capital Territory or in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the Territory—the Chief Minister of that Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for and on behalf of the Chief Minister; or
 - (c) in the case of service with the Northern Territory, a local government of the Territory, an authority of the Territory or of the local government or in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the Territory or the local government—the Chief Minister of that Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for and on behalf of the Chief Minister; or
 - (d) in the case of service with the Territory of Norfolk Island, an authority of the Territory or in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the Territory—the Minister of State for the Commonwealth responsible for the administration of that Territory on the advice furnished by the executive member of the Legislative Assembly of that Territory responsible for public service matters or an executive member acting for and on behalf of that member.

DESIGN OF THE MEDAL

- 5 The design of the Medal shall be as prescribed.

WEARING OF THE MEDAL

- 6 The manner of wearing the Medal shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

DESIGNATION OF HOLDER OF THE MEDAL

- 7 Persons to whom the Medal has been awarded are entitled to have the letters “PSM” placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

- 8 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 9 (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award of the Medal to a person and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) When an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register and that person shall return the Medal to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry in the Register that had been erased.



NOTES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL

NOTE 1

The *Regulations Governing the Award of the Public Service Medal* under *Letters Patent* as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

TABLE OF INSTRUMENTS

TITLE	DATE OF NOTIFICATION IN GAZETTE	DATE OF COMMENCEMENT	APPLICATION, SAVING OR TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS
Regulations Governing the Award of the Public Service Medal	28 Nov 1989 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1989, No. S369)	18 Oct 1989	—
Amendments to the Public Service Medal Regulations	3 Apr 1995 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1995, No. S124)	16 Mar 1995	—
Amendment to the Public Service Medal Regulations	8 Oct 2003 (see <i>Gazette</i> 2003, No. S376)	14 Aug 2003	[see Note 2]

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

ad. = added or inserted | am. = amended | rep. = repealed | rs. = repealed and substituted

PROVISION AFFECTED	HOW AFFECTED
R. 2	am. 1995
R. 3	am. 1995
R. 4	am. 1995

NOTE 2

The following amendments to the Public Service Medal were detailed in the Letters Patent and Regulations, gazetted on 8 October 2003 in *Gazette* No. S376.

These amendments have not been incorporated in this compilation.



ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Public Service Medal should be awarded to persons who have rendered outstanding public service in relation to the bombings in Bali:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the number of Public Service Medals to be awarded is adequate to accord appropriate recognition to each of those persons:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, ordain that, in addition to the number of awards of the Public Service Medal that are permitted in accordance with subregulation 3 (2) of the Public Service Medal Regulations, an award of the Public Service Medal may be made in 2003 to not more than 2 other persons in respect of service that is described in paragraph 3 (2) (a) or (b) of those Regulations:

AND KNOW YOU that those awards are to be governed by requirements that are the same as are set out in the Public Service Medal Regulations.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our
Court at St James's on
14 August 2003

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads 'John Howard'.

By Her Majesty's Command,
J. Howard
Prime Minister





ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to members of Australian police forces for distinguished service:

KNOW YOU that we do by these Presents institute a medal to be designated and styled the Australian Police Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the medal so instituted shall be governed by the Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Police Medal set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our Court
at Government House, Canberra on
3 March 1986

By Her Majesty's Command,
R.J.L HAWKE
Prime Minister

SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL

SHORT TITLE

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Police Medal Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations—
“Australian police force” means the Australian Federal Police or the police force of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth;
“Medal” means the Australian Police Medal.

DESIGN OF MEDAL

- 3 The design of the Medal shall be as prescribed.

CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF MEDAL

- 4 (1) The Medal shall be awarded only for distinguished service by a member of an Australian police force.
- (2) The Medal shall not be awarded to a member of a police force if the award would result in the number of awards made during a calendar year to members of that force exceeding one award for each thousand, or part of one thousand, members of that force serving on 30 June in the year immediately preceding that calendar year, together with one additional Medal.

AWARDS

- 5 (1) An award of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General and notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.
- (2) The Medal shall not be awarded to a member of a police force except upon the nomination of the responsible Minister for that force.
- (3) For the purpose of sub-regulation (2), the responsible Minister for a police force is—



- (a) in the case of the Australian Federal Police—the Minister of State of the Commonwealth administering the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* or a Minister of State of the Commonwealth acting for and on behalf of the first-mentioned Minister;
- (b) in the case of the Police Force of a State—the Premier of that State or a Minister of the Crown of that State acting for and on behalf of the Premier; and
- (c) in the case of the Police Force of a Territory—the Chief Minister of that Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for and on behalf of the Chief Minister.

WEARING OF THE MEDAL

- 6 The manner of wearing the Medal shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

DESIGNATION OF HOLDER OF MEDAL

- 7 Persons to whom the Medal has been awarded are entitled to have the letters “APM” placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

REGISTER OF AWARDS

- 8 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall maintain a register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 9 (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award of the Medal to a person and may restore an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register kept for the purpose of regulation 8 and that person shall return the Medal to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled is restored, the Registrar shall restore the entry in the Register that had been erased.



ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to members of Australian fire services for distinguished service:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute a medal to be designated and styled the Australian Fire Service Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the medal so instituted shall be governed by the Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Fire Service Medal set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our
Court at St James's on
12 April 1988

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'R.J.L. Hawke'.

By Her Majesty's Command,
R.J.L HAWKE
Prime Minister





REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

AS AMENDED

made under

LETTERS PATENT

This compilation was prepared on 10 November 2009
taking into account Amendments of the Regulations Governing the Award of the
Australian Fire Service Medal – 1997

Prepared by the Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing,
Attorney-General's Department, Canberra

SHORT TITLE [SEE NOTE 1]

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Fire Service Medal Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations—

Australian fire service means a Commonwealth fire service or a fire service of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth fire service means a fire service of a Commonwealth agency (other than a fire service of the Australian Capital Territory).

external Territory means any of the Territories of Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

Medal means the Australian Fire Service Medal.

responsible Minister means—

- (a) in the case of a fire service of a State—the Premier of that State or a Minister of the Crown of that State acting for and on behalf of the Premier;
- (b) in the case of a fire service of the Northern Territory of Australia—the Chief Minister of that Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for and on behalf of the Chief Minister;
- (c) in the case of a fire service of the Australian Capital Territory—the Chief Minister of that Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for and on behalf of the Chief Minister;
- (d) in the case of a Commonwealth fire service, the Minister of State for the time being responsible for administering the relevant agency; and
- (e) in the case of a fire service of an external Territory, the Minister of State for the time being responsible for administering that Territory.



DESIGN OF THE MEDAL

- 3 The design of the Medal shall be as prescribed.

CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL

- 4 (1) The Medal shall be awarded only for distinguished service by a member of an Australian fire service.
- (2) The number of awards of the Medal in respect of each State in each calendar year shall be—
- (a) one award for each 1,000, or part of 1,000, full-time permanent members of the fire service or combined fire services (as the case may be) of that State serving on 30 June in the year immediately preceding that calendar year;
 - (b) one award for each 5,000, or part of 5,000, part-time, volunteer or auxiliary members of the fire service or combined fire services (as the case may be) of that State serving on 30 June in the year immediately preceding that calendar year; and
 - (c) one additional award.
- (3) One award of the Medal shall be made in each calendar year in respect of the fire services or combined fire services (as the case may be) in each of the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory of Australia.
- (4) One award of the Medal shall be made in each calendar year in respect of a Commonwealth fire service.
- (5) An occasional award (not exceeding one per calendar year) may be made in respect of the fire service of an External Territory as determined by the responsible Minister.

MAKING OF AWARDS

- 5 (1) An award of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General and notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.
- (2) The Medal shall only be awarded upon the nomination of a responsible Minister.

WEARING OF THE MEDAL

- 6 The manner of wearing the Medal shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

DESIGNATION OF HOLDER OF THE MEDAL

- 7 Persons to whom the Medal has been awarded are entitled to have the letters “AFSM” placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

- 8 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 9 (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award of the Medal to a person and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register and the person shall return the Medal to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry in the Register that had been erased.



NOTES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

NOTE 1

The *Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Fire Service Medal* (in force under *Letters Patent*) as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

TABLE OF INSTRUMENT

TITLE	DATE OF NOTIFICATION IN GAZETTE	DATE OF COMMENCEMENT	APPLICATION, SAVING OR TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS
Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Fire Service Medal	10 June 1988 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1988, No. S161)	12 Apr 1988	—
Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Fire Service Medal	20 Dec 1991 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1991, No. S353)	5 Dec 1991	—
Amendments of the Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Fire Service Medal	11 Aug 1998 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1998, No. S395)	18 Dec 1997	—

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

ad. = added or inserted | am. = amended | rep. = repealed | rs. = repealed and substituted

PROVISION AFFECTED	HOW AFFECTED
R. 2	am. 1991
R. 4	am. 1997



ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to members of Australian ambulance services for distinguished service:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, institute a medal to be called the Ambulance Service Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Ambulance Service Medal is governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our
Court at St James's on
7 July 1999

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads 'John Howard'.

By Her Majesty's Command,
J. Howard
Prime Minister





SCHEDULE

AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

NAME OF REGULATIONS

- 1 These regulations are the Ambulance Service Medal Regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- 2 In these regulations:
- ambulance service* means a civilian ambulance service of a State or Territory of Australia.
- external Territory* means Norfolk Island, the Territory of Christmas Island or the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- Medal* means the Ambulance Service Medal.
- Register* means the Register maintained under paragraph 8 (2) (a).
- Registrar* means the Registrar of Awards appointed under subregulation 8 (1).
- responsible Minister* means:
- for a State—the Premier of the State or a Minister of that State acting for the Premier; or
 - for the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory—the Chief Minister of the Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for the Chief Minister; or
 - for an external Territory—the Minister for the time being responsible for administering the Territory.

AWARD OF THE MEDAL

- 3 (1) The Medal may be awarded to a person who has given distinguished service as a member of an ambulance service.
- (2) The Medal may be awarded regardless of whether the person is eligible for any other award because of the service.
- (3) However, a person who is already a holder of the Medal is not eligible for another award of the Medal.

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- (4) The number of awards of the Medal for each State in a calendar year must not exceed:
- (a) one award for each 1,000, or part of 1,000, full-time permanent members of the ambulance service, or combined ambulance services, of the State; and
 - (b) one award for each 5,000, or part of 5,000, part-time members, volunteers or auxiliary members of the ambulance service, or combined ambulance services, of the State; and
 - (c) one additional award to a full-time permanent member, part-time member, volunteer or auxiliary member.
- (5) The number of members of the ambulance service, or combined ambulance services, of a State is the number of members serving on 30 June before the calendar year in which an award of the Medal is made.
- (6) One Medal may be awarded in a calendar year for the Australian Capital Territory.
- (7) One Medal may be awarded in a calendar year for the Northern Territory.
- (8) One Medal may be awarded in a calendar year for all of the external Territories.

MAKING OF AWARDS

- 4 An award of the Medal must be:
- (a) made by the Governor-General, on the nomination of a responsible Minister; and
 - (b) notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.

DESIGN OF THE MEDAL

- 5 The design of the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.

WEARING OF THE MEDAL

- 6 The manner of wearing of the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.





DESIGNATION OF HOLDERS OF THE MEDAL

- 7 A person to whom the Medal has been awarded is entitled to have the letters 'ASM' placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

- 8 (1) The Governor-General must appoint a Registrar of Awards.
- (2) The Registrar must:
- (a) maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded; and
 - (b) keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

CANCELLATION OF AWARD

- 9 (1) On the recommendation of a responsible Minister, the Governor-General may cancel an award made under these regulations.
- (2) If an award of the Medal is cancelled:
- (a) the Registrar must strike from the Register the entry relating to the award; and
 - (b) the person holding the Medal must return the Medal to the Registrar.

REINSTATEMENT OF AWARD

- 10 (1) On the recommendation of a responsible Minister, the Governor-General may reinstate an award that has been cancelled.
- (2) If an award is reinstated, the Registrar must:
- (a) restore the entry that was struck from the Register; and
 - (b) return the Medal.



ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to members of Australian emergency services for distinguished service and to persons who render distinguished service relating to emergency management, training or education:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, institute a medal to be called the Emergency Services Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Emergency Services Medal is governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our
Court at St James's on
7 July 1999

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads 'John Howard'.

By Her Majesty's Command,
J. Howard
Prime Minister





SCHEDULE

EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL REGULATIONS

NAME OF REGULATIONS

- 1 These regulations are the Emergency Services Medal Regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- 2 In these regulations:
- Defence Force* has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*.
- emergency service* means a civilian emergency service of a State or Territory of Australia, regardless of whether the service is operated by the government of the State or Territory or by a non-government organisation.
- external Territory* means Norfolk Island, the Territory of Christmas Island or the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.
- Medal* means the Emergency Services Medal.
- Register* means the Register maintained under paragraph 9 (2) (a).
- Registrar* means the Registrar of Awards appointed under subregulation 9 (1).
- responsible Minister* means:
- for regulation 4 — the Commonwealth Minister for the time being responsible for the management of emergency situations; or
 - for a State — the Premier of the State or a Minister of that State acting for the Premier; or
 - for the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory — the Chief Minister of the Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for the Chief Minister; or
 - for an external Territory — the Minister for the time being responsible for administering the Territory.

AWARD OF THE MEDAL — DISTINGUISHED EMERGENCY SERVICE

- 3 (1) The Medal may be awarded to a person who has given distinguished service as a member of an emergency service.
- (2) The Medal may be awarded regardless of whether the person is eligible for any other award because of the service.
- (3) However, a person who is already a holder of the Medal is not eligible for another award of the Medal.

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- (4) The number of awards of the Medal for each State in a calendar year must not exceed:
 - (a) one award for each 1,000, or part of 1,000, full-time permanent members of the emergency service, or combined emergency services, of the State; and
 - (b) one award for each 5,000, or part of 5,000, part-time members, volunteers or auxiliary members of the emergency service, or combined emergency services, of the State; and
 - (c) one additional award to a full-time permanent member, part-time member, volunteer or auxiliary member.
 - (5) The number of members of the emergency service, or combined emergency services, of a State is the number of members serving on 30 June before the calendar year in which an award of the Medal is made.
 - (6) One Medal may be awarded in a calendar year for the Australian Capital Territory.
 - (7) One Medal may be awarded in a calendar year for the Northern Territory.
 - (8) One Medal may be awarded in a calendar year for all of the external Territories.

AWARD OF THE MEDAL — MANAGEMENT, TRAINING OR EDUCATION

- 4 (1) The Medal may be awarded to a person who has given distinguished service relating to emergency management, training or education.
- (2) The Medal may be awarded regardless of whether the person is:
 - (a) a member of an emergency service; or
 - (b) a member of the Defence Force; or
 - (c) a remunerated officer of the Commonwealth.
- (3) One Medal may be awarded in a calendar year.

MAKING OF AWARDS

- 5 (1) An award of the Medal must be:
 - (a) made by the Governor-General, on the nomination of a responsible Minister; and
 - (b) notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.
- (2) Before nominating a person for an award of the Medal, the responsible Minister must consider whether the person's distinguished service would be more appropriately recognised by another award to which the person is entitled.





DESIGN OF THE MEDAL

- 6 The design of the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.

WEARING OF THE MEDAL

- 7 The manner of wearing of the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.

DESIGNATION OF HOLDERS OF THE MEDAL

- 8 A person to whom the Medal has been awarded is entitled to have the letters 'ESM' placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

- 9 (1) The Governor-General must appoint a Registrar of Awards.
- (2) The Registrar must:
- (a) maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded; and
 - (b) keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

CANCELLATION OF AWARD

- 10 (1) On the recommendation of a responsible Minister, the Governor-General may cancel an award made under these regulations.
- (2) If an award of the Medal is cancelled:
- (a) the Registrar must strike from the Register the entry relating to the award; and
 - (b) the person holding the Medal must return the Medal to the Registrar.

REINSTATEMENT OF AWARD

- 11 (1) On the recommendation of a responsible Minister, the Governor-General may reinstate an award that has been cancelled.
- (2) If an award is reinstated, the Registrar must:
- (a) restore the entry that was struck from the Register; and
 - (b) return the Medal



ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render outstanding service in connection with Australian Antarctic expeditions:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute a medal to be designated and styled the Antarctic Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the medal so instituted shall be governed by the Regulations Governing the Award of the Antarctic Medal set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our
Court at St James's on
2 June 1987

By Her Majesty's Command,
R.J.L HAWKE
Prime Minister





ELIZABETH R

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated 2 June 1987 given under the Great Seal of Australia, We instituted an Australian medal, designated and styled the Antarctic Medal, for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render outstanding service in connection with Australian Antarctic expeditions:

AND WHEREAS the Letters Patent ordained that the award of the Antarctic Medal be governed by the Regulations Governing the Award of the Antarctic Medal set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that certain amendments of the Regulations be made to change the designation and style of the Medal from the Antarctic Medal to the Australian Antarctic Medal, and to provide for the designation of the holder of the Medal:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, declare Our pleasure that the Letters Patent dated 2 June 1987 be amended, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, as set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent



Given under the Great
Seal of Australia at Our
Court at St James's on
18 December 1997

By Her Majesty's Command,
J. HOWARD
Prime Minister

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL

AS AMENDED

made under

LETTERS PATENT

This compilation was prepared on 6 November 2009
taking into account Amendments of the Regulations Governing the Award of the
Antarctic Medal – 1997

Prepared by the Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing,
Attorney-General's Department, Canberra



SHORT TITLE [SEE NOTE 1]

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Antarctic Medal Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations —
Medal means the Australian Antarctic Medal and includes a clasp, or clasps, to that Medal.
Minister means the Minister of State for the time being responsible for Antarctic scientific policy and research.

DESIGN OF THE MEDAL

- 3 The design of the Medal shall be as prescribed.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD OF MEDAL

- 4 (1) The Medal may be awarded to an Australian citizen or other person who has given outstanding service in scientific research or exploration, or in support of such work, in the course of, or in connection with, an Australian Antarctic expedition.
- (2) An additional clasp to a Medal may be awarded from time to time to the recipient of a Medal who has given further outstanding service of the kind referred to in sub-regulation (1).
- (3) Except in exceptional circumstances, the recipient of a Medal shall not have worked for less than 12 months in the Antarctic climate south of latitude 60° South or elsewhere in the Antarctic region where the rigours of Antarctic climate and terrain prevail.
- (4) The Medal may be awarded posthumously.

AWARDS

- 5 (1) An award of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General and notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.
- (2) The Medal shall not be awarded except upon the nomination of the Minister.
- (3) The Minister shall appoint a Committee to consider nominations for the Medal and to make recommendations to the Minister.

WEARING OF THE MEDAL

- 6 The manner of wearing the Medal shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

DESIGNATION OF HOLDER OF THE MEDAL

- 7 Recipients who are awarded the Medal after 2 June 1987 are entitled to have the letters ‘AAM’ placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

REGISTER OF AWARDS

- 8 (1) There shall be a Registrar of awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

CANCELLATION & REINSTATEMENT

- 9 (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award of the Medal to a person and may restore an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register kept for the purpose of regulation 8 and that person shall return the Medal to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled is restored, the Registrar shall restore the entry in the Register that had been erased under subregulation (2).



NOTES TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL

NOTE 1

The *Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Antarctic Medal* (in force under *Letters Patent*) as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

TABLE OF INSTRUMENT

TITLE	DATE OF NOTIFICATION IN GAZETTE	DATE OF COMMENCEMENT	APPLICATION, SAVING OR TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS
Regulations Governing the Award of the Antarctic Medal	24 June 1987 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1987, No. GN8)	2 June 1987	—
Amendments of the Regulations Governing the Award of the Antarctic Medal	11 Aug 1998 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1998, No. S395)	18 Dec 1997	[This amendment changed the citation.]

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

ad. = added or inserted | am. = amended | rep. = repealed | rs. = repealed and substituted

PROVISION AFFECTED	HOW AFFECTED
TITLE	am. 1997
R. 1	rs. 1997
R. 2	am. 1997
R. 7	rs. 1997
R. 8	rs. 1997
R. 9	ad. 1997

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PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL,
AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL,
AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL,
AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL,
EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL,
and
AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL

determinations





PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL DETERMINATION

I, **WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the design of the Public Service Medal, and acting under regulations 5 and 6 of the Public Service Medal Regulations, determine as follows:

THE PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL

MEDAL DESIGN

- 1 The Public Service Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal 38 millimetres in diameter ensigned with a seven-pointed Federation Star in nickel-silver. The obverse bears an inner circle showing four planetary gears spaced equally around a sun gear at its centre and is surrounded by the words “PUBLIC SERVICE”. An outer circle shows 36 upright human figures representing a range of occupations and activities. The reverse bears a wreath of mimosa surrounding the inscription “FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE”.

MEDAL RIBBON

- 2 The Medal is suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres wide. The ribbon has 12 alternating stripes of green and gold of varying widths. The widest green stripe appears on the left-hand side and the widest gold stripe appears on the right-hand side. In between are alternating green and gold stripes of varying widths.

MEDAL DRESS

- 3 The Medal is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

MEDAL MINIATURE

- 4 The miniature of the Public Service Medal is a half-size replica of the Medal suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

LAPEL BADGE

- 5 The lapel badge of the Public Service Medal is a replica of the central device of planetary gears of the Medal 10 millimetres in diameter. The badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 6 The Medal is worn in accordance with the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated 11th November 1991

Original Signed by Bill Hayden

GOVERNOR – GENERAL



AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL DETERMINATION

I, **WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under regulations 3 and 6 of the Australian Police Medal Regulations, revoke the Australian Police Medal Determination made on the twenty-seventh day of March 1987 and determine as follows:

THE AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL

MEDAL DESIGN

- 1 The Australian Police Medal is a nickel-silver circular medal 38 millimetres in diameter ensigned with a Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver. The obverse bears the effigy of The Sovereign on a Federation Star superimposed over a pattern of fluted rays. The reverse bears a wreath of golden wattle surrounding the inscription “AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL—FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE”.

MEDAL RIBBON

- 2 The Australian Police Medal is suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres wide, having a vertical stripe 12 millimetres wide of dark blue flanked by 2 white stripes each 10 millimetres wide.

MEDAL DRESS

- 3 The Australian Police Medal is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

MEDAL MINIATURE

- 4 The miniature of the Australian Police Medal is a half-size replica of the Medal suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

LAPEL BADGE

- 5 The lapel badge of the Australian Police Medal is a replica of the Medal 10 millimetres in diameter. The badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 6 The Australian Police Medal is worn in accordance with the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated 27th July 1992

Original signed by Bill Hayden

GOVERNOR-GENERAL



AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL DETERMINATION

I, **WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the design of the Australian Fire Service Medal, and acting under regulations 3 and 6 of the Australian Fire Service Medal Regulations, determine as follows:

THE AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

MEDAL DESIGN

- 1 The Australian Fire Service Medal is a circular copper-nickel medal 38 millimetres in diameter ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward, also in copper-nickel, with an effigy of The Sovereign superimposed over a seven pointed star of flames on the obverse, and the words “AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL” surrounding the inscription “FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE” on a background of flames on the reverse.

MEDAL RIBBON

- 2 The Medal is suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres wide, having two green vertical bands each of 8 millimetres flanking a band of gold 16 millimetres wide which has superimposed on it a central band of an irregular red pattern symbolising flames.

MEDAL DRESS

- 3 The Medal is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

MEDAL MINIATURE

- 4 The miniature of the Australian Fire Service Medal is a half-size replica of the Medal suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

LAPEL BADGE

- 5 The lapel badge of the Australian Fire Service Medal is a replica of the Medal 10 millimetres in diameter. The badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 6 The Medal is worn in accordance with the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated 12th August 1991

Original Signed By Bill Hayden

GOVERNOR - GENERAL





AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL DETERMINATION

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty The Queen to the design of the Ambulance Service Medal, and acting in pursuance of regulations 5 and 6 of the Regulations Governing the Award of the Ambulance Service Medal hereby determine as follows:

THE AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL

DESIGN

- 1 The Ambulance Service Medal, is a bi-metal construction of silver and bronze colouring in a circular shape, with shaping of the leaf pattern at the suspender bar, and is 47 millimetres deep (including the suspender bar) and 38 millimetres in diameter at the circle shape. The obverse of the medal has a central raised traditional Maltese Cross bounded on either side by stylised sprays of wattle representing the Australian nature of the award. The arms of the cross have a raised border, brightly polished, while the inner arms are in a pebble-texture finish. The centre of the Maltese Cross has a bronze coloured insert, circular in shape with a raised impression of the Federation Star that is surrounded by twenty-four balls representing the twenty-four hours per day the Ambulance Service is available to the community. The circular portion of the medal obverse has a raised, polished rim. The reverse face of the medal has a semi-circular, raised and polished panel featuring the incised words 'FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE'. The rounded ends of the panel are in line with the bottom edge of the centre insert, which incorporates a bronze coloured insert, circular in shape, with a raised impression of the Federation Star. The area below the insert is available for engraving the recipient's name. The background of the reverse of the medal is of a frosted finish. The silver suspender bar is of fixed configuration, with the raised and polished words 'AMBULANCE SERVICE' running the width of the ribbon on the obverse.

MINIATURE

- 2 The miniature of the Ambulance Service Medal is a half-size replica of the medal, suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

RIBBON

- 3 The Ambulance Service Medal is suspended from a ribbon 32 millimetres wide by means of a narrow silver suspender bar. The ribbon is in a chevron pattern, the angles of which are derived from the open end of the arm of the cross. The chevrons are in alternate red, white, red and silver-grey.

RIBBON BAR

- 4 The ribbon bar consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep, with no emblem.

LAPEL BADGE

- 5 The lapel badge of the Ambulance Service Medal is a replica of the medal 10 millimetres in diameter.



WEARING

- 6 The Ambulance Service Medal is worn on the left breast on all occasions when full size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature medal is worn on all occasions when miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar may be worn on all occasions when service dress is worn. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF WEAR

- 7 The Ambulance Service Medal is worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Michael Jeffery

Dated this First day of September 2008

Original Signed by General Jeffery

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL DETERMINATION

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty The Queen to the design of the Emergency Services Medal, and acting in pursuance of regulations 6 and 7 of the Regulations Governing the Award of the Emergency Services Medal hereby determine as follows:



THE EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL

DESIGN

- 1 The Emergency Services Medal is a bi-metal construction of silver and bronze colouring in a circular shape 38 millimetres in diameter. The medal is surmounted by a silver suspender bar of fixed configuration, with the raised and polished words 'EMERGENCY SERVICES' running the width of the ribbon on the obverse. The obverse of the Medal has a central motif of a raised equilateral triangle device with the edges bevelled and top surface polished and bounded on all sides by stylised sprays of wattle representing the Australian nature of the award. The centre of the equilateral triangle has a bronze coloured insert, circular in shape with a raised impression of the Federation Star. This device is surrounded by a circlet of twenty-four balls representing the twenty-four hours per day the Emergency Service is available to the community. The circular portion of the medal obverse has a raised and polished rim. The reverse bears a semi-circular, raised and polished panel featuring the incised words 'FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE'. The rounded ends of the panel are in line with the bottom edge of the centre insert, which incorporates a bronze coloured insert, circular in shape, with a raised impression of the Federation Star. The area below the insert is available for engraving the recipient's name. The overall background is of a finely textured or frosted finish. All highlight points of the award are a polished finish.

MINIATURE

- 2 The miniature of the Emergency Services Medal is a half-size replica of the Medal, suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

RIBBON

- 3 The ribbon of the Emergency Services Medal is 32 millimetres wide and features a centre band of an orange and white checkerboard pattern 24 millimetres wide, with each square being 2 millimetres square. The checkerboard pattern is flanked on each outer edge by a royal blue band 4 millimetres wide.

RIBBON BAR

- 4 The ribbon bar of the Emergency Services Medal consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep, with no emblem.

LAPEL BADGE

- 5 The lapel badge of the Emergency Services Medal is a replica of the Medal 10 millimetres in diameter.

WEARING

- 6 The Emergency Services Medal is worn on the left breast on all occasions when full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature medal is worn on all occasions when miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar may be worn at any time when service dress is worn. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF WEAR

- 7 The Emergency Services Medal is worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Michael Jeffery

Dated this First day of September 2008

Original Signed By General Jeffery

GOVERNOR - GENERAL



AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL DETERMINATION

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting in pursuance of regulations 3 and 6 of the Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Antarctic Medal, revoke the Antarctic Medal Determination made on the twenty seventh day of July 1992 and determine as follows:

THE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL

DESIGN

- 1 The Australian Antarctic Medal is a nickel-silver octagonal medal 38 millimetres in diameter ensigned with a hexagonal ice-crystal device in nickel-silver. The obverse bears a depiction of the Southern Hemisphere showing Australia and the Antarctic enclosed by the inscription “FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE ANTARCTIC”. The reverse has an Antarctic expeditioner outside Mawson’s hut leaning into a blizzard as he uses an axe.

MINIATURE

- 2 The miniature of the Australian Antarctic Medal is a half-size replica of the Medal, suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

RIBBON

- 3 The ribbon of the Australian Antarctic Medal is 32 millimetres wide, of snow-white moire with 3 millimetre edges of three shades of blue merging into the white.

RIBBON BAR

- 4 The ribbon bar of the Australian Antarctic Medal consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep, with no emblem.

DATE BAR

- 5 A nickel-silver clasp, 30 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high, in the form of a date bar inscribed with the year the service was rendered shall be attached to the ribbon of the main piece. A half-size replica of the date bar is worn on the ribbon of the miniature medal.

FURTHER AWARDS

- 6 Second and subsequent awards of the Australian Antarctic Medal are recognised by the presentation of a further nickel-silver date bar, 30 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high, inscribed with the year the service was rendered. The bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original medal above the previous year. A half-size replica of the date bar is worn on the ribbon of the miniature medal. A replica of the ice-crystal device used as a link between the Australian Antarctic Medal and its suspension bar, 9 millimetres in diameter, is worn on the ribbon bar.

LAPEL BADGE

- 7 The lapel badge of the Australian Antarctic Medal is a replica of the ice-crystal device used as a link between the Australian Antarctic Medal and its suspension bar, 10 millimetres in diameter.



WEARING

- 8 The Australian Antarctic Medal is worn on the left breast on all occasions when full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature medal is worn on all occasions when miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar may be worn at any time when service dress is worn. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF WEAR

- 9 The Australian Antarctic Medal is worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Michael Jeffery

Dated this First day of September 2008

Original Signed by General Jeffery

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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Contact INFORMATION

ADMINISTERING AUSTRALIA'S HONOURS

There are three organisations with primary responsibility for administering Australia's system of honours. They are:

- Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat, Government House, Canberra
- Awards and Culture Branch, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Directorate of Honours and Awards, Department of Defence

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The Australian system of honours was introduced in 1975. At that time the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat was established as part of the Governor-General's Office at Government House in Canberra.

The contact details for Government House Canberra are:

Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat
Government House
CANBERRA, ACT 2600
Toll-free phone line: 1800 552 275

Email: honours@gg.gov.au
Website: www.gg.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

The Awards and Culture Branch of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provides policy advice on the operation of the Australian honours system.

It is also responsible for community awareness campaigns so that honours are more accessible and better known to all Australians.

Email: itsanhonour@pmc.gov.au
Website: www.itsanhonour.gov.au

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

The Directorate of Honours and Awards of the Department of Defence provides policy advice on defence honours and awards. The Department is also responsible for administering defence awards.

Email: honoursandawards@defence.gov.au
Website: www.defence.gov.au/medals