

## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL

Regulations 2, 3 and 4 of the National Medal Regulations and the heading immediately before regulation 2 are revoked and the following regulations substituted:

#### Conditions for award of the National Medal

“2. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (5), the National Medal may be awarded to a person who has completed a period of 15 years' qualifying service or periods of qualifying service that, in the aggregate, amount to 15 years.

“(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, qualifying service is diligent service as a member of—

- (a) an Australian police force;
- (b) an Australian fire service; or
- (c) an Australian ambulance service.

“(3) A clasp to the National Medal may be awarded after the completion of each further period of 10 years' qualifying service or of periods of service that, in the aggregate, are not less than 10 years.

“(4) Service may be taken into account for the purposes of this regulation whether the service was rendered on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis and whether the service was paid or unpaid.

“(5) Service shall not be taken into account for the purpose of sub-regulation (1) or (3) if it is service in respect of which an award has been made by, or in the name of, The Queen or by the Governor-General, being an award made in recognition of long service, good conduct or efficiency.

“3. (1) In this regulation—

‘Australian service’ means an Australian police force, fire service or ambulance service or the Defence Force;

‘Commonwealth service’ means—

- (a) a police force, fire service or ambulance service of, or of a part of, one of The Queen's Realms, other than Australia; or
- (b) the naval, military or air forces of one of The Queen's Realms, other than Australia.

“(2) Where—

- (a) a member of a Commonwealth service serves with an Australian service by way of secondment or exchange; and
- (b) that member subsequently becomes a member of an Australian service,

the service of that person with an Australian service by way of secondment or exchange shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be taken to be service as a member of an Australian service.

“4. An award of the National Medal or a clasp to the medal may be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of any of the following persons:

- (a) the chief officer of an Australian police force;
- (b) the chief officer of an Australian fire service;
- (c) the chief officer of an Australian ambulance service.”