

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD  
OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL

**1. Regulation 2**

1.1 Omit the regulation, substitute:

**Definitions**

“1A. In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:

**‘qualifying date’** in relation to a service organisation referred to in subparagraph 2(1)(a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) or (vi), means the date referred to in the subparagraph;

**‘service organisation’** means:

- (a) an Australian police force; or
- (b) an Australian fire service; or
- (c) an Australian ambulance service; or
- (d) the Australian Protective Service; or
- (e) an Australian correctional service; or
- (f) an Australian emergency service.

**Conditions for Award of the National Medal**

“2. (1) The National Medal may be awarded to a person who:

- (a) has served diligently:
  - (i) as a member of an Australian police force on or after 14 February 1975; or
  - (ii) as a member of an Australian fire service on or after 14 February 1975; or
  - (iii) as a member of an Australian ambulance service on or after 14 February 1975; or
  - (iv) as a member of the Australian Protective Service on or after 1 April 1986; or
  - (v) as a member of an Australian correctional service on or after 30 April 1987; or
  - (vi) as a member of an Australian emergency service on or after 30 April 1987; and
- (b) has served in a service organisation for at least 15 years, or for periods that, in the aggregate, amount to at least 15 years, worked out in accordance with regulation 2A; and
- (c) has during the period or periods of service:
  - (i) maintained a level of training sufficient to fulfil the primary function of the service organisation; and
  - (ii) maintained a level of physical fitness sufficient to fulfil the primary function of the service organisation; and
  - (iii) performed, or been ready to perform, the primary function of the service organisation.

“(2) A clasp to the National Medal may be awarded to a medal holder who has:

- (a) served diligently as a member of a service organisation for a further period of at least 10 years, or for further periods that, in the aggregate, amount to at least 10 years, worked out in accordance with regulation 2A; and
- (b) has during the further period or periods of service:
  - (i) maintained a level of training sufficient to fulfil the primary function of the service organisation; and
  - (ii) maintained a level of physical fitness sufficient to fulfil the primary function of the service organisation; and
  - (iii) performed, or been ready to perform, the primary function of the service organisation.

“(3) Service may be taken into account for the purposes of subregulation (1) or (2) whether the service was rendered on a full-time basis or on a part-time basis and whether the service was paid or unpaid.

“(4) Service must not be taken into account for the purposes of subregulation (1) or (2) if it is service for which an award for long service, good conduct or efficiency has already been made by, or in the name of, The Sovereign or by the Governor-General.

#### **Calculating Length of Service**

“2A. If a person who was a member of a service organisation on or after the qualifying date for the organisation has served more than one period in the organisation, or has also served in one or more other service organisations, or both, then, when calculating the length of the person’s service for the purposes of paragraph 2(1)(b) or subregulation 2(2), each period served by the person in each service organisation in which the person has served at any time may be taken into account.”.