



CONSPICUOUS
SERVICE
Decorations



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HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HONOURABLE DAVID HURLEY AC DSC (Retd)

Every day, all around the country, there are ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things in their communities. The summation of these often selfless and generous actions enriches our society.

Honours and Awards recipients come from all walks of life but have one thing in common: they have left an indelible, remarkable imprint across our community, professional and public sectors.

Importantly, our Honours and Awards system is 100 per cent nomination based. All recipients have been nominated by their peers. It doesn't matter who you are, where you are from or whether you are known to millions or just a few. If you have put others ahead of yourself and made a positive difference to the community, you can be nominated for an award and, if successful, recognised by a grateful nation.

Any Australian can nominate someone for an award. If you know of someone in your community who has made Australia a better place in which to live and work, I encourage you to consider nominating them. For details on how to nominate, visit <https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards>

On behalf of all Australians, I congratulate and thank all recipients of honours and awards, past and present, for their outstanding contribution to our nation. They are a source of inspiration to us all and have helped make Australia the great country that it is.



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INTRODUCTION

The Conspicuous Service Decorations were instituted on 18 October 1989 for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding or meritorious achievement or devotion to duty in non-warlike situations. They are awarded primarily to members of the Australian Defence Force.

There are two levels of decoration:

- Conspicuous Service Cross—awarded only for outstanding devotion to duty, or outstanding achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgement or dedication, in non-warlike situations.
- Conspicuous Service Medal—awarded for meritorious achievement or devotion to duty, in non-warlike situations.

Another award which was instituted on 18 October 1989 was the Nursing Service Cross. This award was instituted for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding devotion and competency in the performance of nursing duties or for an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of such duties.

The Governor-General makes the award of Conspicuous Service Decorations and the Nursing Service Cross on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Defence. These awards are normally set for announcement on Australia Day (January 26) and The Queen's Birthday (June) each year.

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. The awards mentioned above may also be made posthumously and presented to the next-of-kin.





INSIGNIA DESIGN



IN DECEMBER 1986 THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, THE HONOURABLE KIM BEAZLEY ANNOUNCED THE WINNERS IN THE OPEN STAGE OF THE DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS DESIGN COMPETITION. AS A RESULT 11 NEW AWARDS WERE DESIGNED TO BE ADDED TO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS AND THE NURSING SERVICE CROSS.

The Conspicuous Service Decorations consist of the Conspicuous Service Cross which is a nickel-silver modified Maltese Cross ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward with the arms of the cross interspersed with fluted rays. The obverse displays the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. The Conspicuous Service Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward. The obverse displays the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. Each of these awards have ribbons of bush green and sandy gold colours which are natural to Australia, the interpretation being of the green and gold colours of Australia.

The Nursing Service Cross is a four-stepped sterling silver cross ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward attached to a sterling silver suspender bar. The obverse displays a transparent red enamel cross insert overlaid on a flecked pattern radiating from the centre of the cross. The ribbon has a deep red bar down the centre, the colour of the sedge flower—a link between a natural Australian colour and the red cross.

The white is for purity and the gold edging reflects the sand colour.





THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

Shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion to duty, or outstanding achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgement or dedication, in non-warlike situations.



THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Shall be awarded for meritorious achievement or devotion to duty, in non-warlike situations.



NURSING SERVICE CROSS

Shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion and competency in the performance of nursing duties or for an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of such duties.





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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 certain Australian decorations for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding or meritorious achievement or devotion to duty in non-warlike situations:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute two decorations to be designated and styled, respectively, the Conspicuous Service Cross and the Conspicuous Service Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the decorations so instituted shall be 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
18 October 1989

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

SCHEDULE

AUSTRALIAN CONSPICUOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS REGULATIONS

SHORT TITLE

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Conspicuous Service Decorations Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations—“decoration” means—
- (a) the Conspicuous Service Cross;
 - (b) the Conspicuous Service Medal; or
 - (c) a bar to the Cross or the Medal.
- “Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the Defence Act 1903.
“Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence.

CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF DECORATIONS

- 3 (1) The Conspicuous Service Cross shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion to duty, or outstanding achievement in the application of exceptional skills, judgement or dedication, in non-warlike situations.
- (2) The Conspicuous Service Medal shall be awarded for meritorious achievement or devotion to duty, in non-warlike situations.
- 4 Each decoration may be awarded posthumously.
- 5 The persons to whom a decoration may be awarded are—
- (a) a member of the Defence Force; and
 - (b) other persons determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- 6 Any subsequent award of the Conspicuous Service Cross or the Conspicuous Service Medal to the same person shall be made in the form of a bar to the Cross or the Medal as the case may be.

MAKING OF AWARDS

- 7 The award of a decoration shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.



DESIGNATIONS

- 8 (1) A person to whom the Conspicuous Service Cross has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “CSC” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (2) A person to whom the Conspicuous Service Medal has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “CSM” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (3) Where a person has been awarded a bar to a decoration the person is entitled to have placed after the letters prescribed by this Regulation in respect of that decoration the words “and Bar” or the words “and Bars”, as the case may be.

DESIGN OF DECORATIONS

- 9 The design of each decoration shall be as prescribed.

WEARING OF DECORATIONS

- 10 The manner of wearing of decorations shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

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

CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 12 (1) The Governor-General may cancel an award of a decoration and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of a decoration 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 decoration to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.

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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,

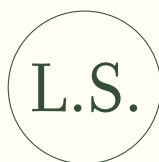
GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian decoration for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons for outstanding performance of nursing duties:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute a decoration to be designated and styled the Nursing Service Cross:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Nursing Service Cross shall be 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
18 October 1989

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

SCHEDULE

NURSING SERVICE CROSS REGULATIONS

SHORT TITLE

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Nursing Service Cross Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations—“decoration” means—
- (a) the Nursing Service Cross; or
 - (b) a bar to the Cross.
- “Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the Defence Act 1903.
- “Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence.

CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DECORATION

- 3 The Nursing Service Cross shall be awarded only for outstanding devotion and competency in the performance of nursing duties or for an act of exceptional dedication in the performance of such duties.
- 4 Each decoration may be awarded posthumously.
- 5 The persons to whom the decoration may be awarded are—
- (a) a member of the Defence Force; and
 - (b) other persons determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- 6 Any subsequent award of the Nursing Service Cross to the same person shall be made in the form of a bar to the Cross.

MAKING OF AWARDS

- 7 Awards of the decoration shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.



DESIGNATION

- 8 (1) A person to whom the Nursing Service Cross has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “NSC” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (2) Where a person has been awarded a bar to the Nursing Service Cross, the person is entitled to have placed after the letters prescribed by this Regulation in respect of the Cross the words “and Bar” or the words “and Bars”, as the case may be.

DESIGN OF THE DECORATION

- 9 The design of the decoration shall be as prescribed.

WEARING OF THE DECORATION

- 10 The manner of wearing the decoration shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

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

CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 12 (1) The Governor-General may cancel an award of the decoration and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the decoration 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 decoration to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.

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CONSPICUOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS

DETERMINATIONS

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under regulations 9 and 10 of the Australian Conspicuous Service Decorations Regulations, revoke the Australian Conspicuous Service Decorations Determination made on the twenty-fifth day of October 1991 and determine as follows:

THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

DESIGN

- 1 The Conspicuous Service Cross is a modified Maltese Cross of nickel-silver ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver with the arms of the cross interspersed with fluted rays. Each axis of the cross measures 38 millimetres. The cross is surmounted by a plain nickel-silver suspender bar. The obverse of the cross bears a central device of the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. This device is 18 millimetres in diameter. The reverse bears as the central device a horizontal panel 26 millimetres across and 8 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipient's name. The arms of the cross are interspersed with fluted rays.

MINIATURE

- 2 The miniature of the Conspicuous Service Cross is a half-size replica of the cross suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

RIBBON

- 3 The ribbon of the Conspicuous Service Cross is 32 millimetres wide and has alternating diagonal stripes of bush green and sandy gold 6 millimetres wide.

RIBBON BAR

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

FURTHER AWARDS

- 5 Second and subsequent awards of the Conspicuous Service Cross are recognised by the presentation of a nickel-silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The bar has a central replica of the cross 6 millimetres in diameter flanked by laurel leaves. The bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original cross. A half-size replica of the bar is worn on the ribbon of the miniature cross. A ribbon bar emblem in the form of a further representation of the cross 5 millimetres in diameter is worn on the ribbon bar.

LAPEL BADGE

- 6 The lapel badge of the Conspicuous Service Cross is a replica of the cross 10 millimetres in diameter.

WEARING

- 7 The Conspicuous Service Cross is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature cross is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar is to be worn at all times with service dress. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.





THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

DESIGN

- 8** The Conspicuous Service Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal 38 millimetres in diameter, ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver. The medal is surmounted by a plain nickel-silver suspender bar. The obverse of the medal bears a central device of the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. The reverse bears a horizontal panel 30 millimetres across and 8 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipient's name. This central panel is superimposed over a design of fluted rays.

MINIATURE

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

RIBBON

- 10** The ribbon of the Conspicuous Service Medal is 32 millimetres wide and has alternating diagonal stripes of bush green and sandy gold 3 millimetres wide.

RIBBON BAR

- 11** The ribbon bar of the Conspicuous Service Medal is 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep. When the ribbon bar is worn, a representation of the medal, 5 millimetres in diameter, is attached at the centre of the ribbon.

FURTHER AWARDS

- 12** Second and subsequent awards of the Conspicuous Service Medal are recognised by the presentation of a nickel-silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The bar has a central replica of the medal 6 millimetres in diameter. The bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original medal. A half-size replica of the bar is worn on the ribbon of the miniature medal. A ribbon bar emblem in the form of a further representation of the medal 5 millimetres in diameter is worn on the ribbon bar.

LAPEL BADGE

- 13** The lapel badge of the Conspicuous Service Medal is a representation of the medal 10 millimetres in diameter.

WEARING

- 14** The Conspicuous Service Medal is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar is to be worn at all times with service dress. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF WEAR

- 15** The Conspicuous Service Cross and the Conspicuous Service Medal are worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated this First day of September 2008

Original Signed by General Jeffery

GOVERNOR – GENERAL





NURSING SERVICE CROSS DETERMINATION

DETERMINATION

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under regulations 9 and 10 of the Nursing Service Cross Regulations, revoke the Nursing Service Cross Determination made on the eleventh day of November 1991 and determine as follows:

THE NURSING SERVICE CROSS

DESIGN

- 1 The Nursing Service Cross is a four-stepped sterling silver straight armed cross with each axis measuring 43 millimetres, ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in sterling silver. The cross is surmounted by a plain sterling suspender bar. The obverse of the cross bears a transparent red enamel cross insert 35 millimetres across on each axis overlaid on a flecked pattern radiating from the centre of the medal. The reverse bears a horizontal panel 34 millimetres across and 7 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipient's name. This is superimposed on a design of fluted rays of varying lengths.

MINIATURE

- 2 The miniature of the Nursing Service Cross is a half-size replica of the cross suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

RIBBON

- 3 The ribbon for the Nursing Service Cross is 32 millimetres wide and has a central red vertical band 12 millimetres wide, flanked by two white vertical bands 8 millimetres wide, and a further two vertical gold bands 2 millimetres wide.

RIBBON BAR

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

FURTHER AWARDS

- 5 Second and subsequent awards of the Nursing Service Cross are recognised by the presentation of a sterling silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high with a superimposed central replica of the red enamel cross insert of the full-size cross 6 millimetres across. The bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original cross. A half-size replica of the bar is worn on the ribbon of the miniature cross. A ribbon bar emblem in the form of a cross of red enamel 8 millimetres across is worn on the ribbon bar.

LAPEL BADGE

- 6 The lapel badge of the Nursing Service Cross is a replica of the cross 10 millimetres in diameter.

**WEARING**

- 7** The Nursing Service Cross is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature cross is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar is worn at all times with service dress. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

ORDER OF WEAR

- 8** The Nursing Service Cross is worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

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
- The Honours and Symbols Section, 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:

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Email: honours@gg.gov.au

Website: www.gg.gov.au

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www.gg.gov.au.

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

The Honours and Symbols Section, 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: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/its-honour>

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.

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