

“The National Emergency Medal provides recognition for the committed and courageous efforts of frontline responders, volunteers and community supporters during nationally-significant emergencies in Australia.

These efforts are vitally important and deserve to be celebrated. They epitomise the generosity and richness of the Australian spirit where – in the direst of times – individuals choose to serve and help others.”

— **His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)**

FIND OUT MORE

Do you have a question? Get in touch!

The Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat administers the National Emergency Medal and provides support for the National Emergency Medal Committee.

The team is here to help you.

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THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDAL

How it works and how to apply for
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ABOUT THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDAL

The National Emergency Medal was established in 2011 for the purpose of according recognition within the Australian Honours system, for the unique contribution and commitment of those who have provided sustained or significant service in response to declared nationally-significant emergencies.

Sustained service is awarded to those who have rendered service in the declared nationally-significant emergency for the purpose of the Medal. The criteria for sustained service stipulates what constitutes 'sustained service' for each emergency and is determined by the National Emergency Medal Committee, in considering advice from relevant organisations and jurisdictions.

Significant service is awarded to those who rendered significant service in the nationally-significant emergency. The significant service criteria stipulates that the service must be extraordinary. The Committee considers each nomination on a case-by-case basis before making a recommendation to the Governor-General. Applicants do not need to meet the sustained service criteria to be eligible to apply for significant service (e.g. minimum duration of service, eligible dates of service).

WHO CAN APPLY?

Members of relevant organisations or individuals who rendered sustained or significant service in response to declared nationally-significant emergencies in Australia.

This may include:

- Emergency service personnel;
- Federal, state and local government employees;
- Private sector employees;
- Volunteers from community groups; and
- Private citizens.



HOW TO APPLY

If you are with a group, agency or organisation, you should contact them to be considered for a National Emergency Medal.

Applications for groups, agencies or organisations can be submitted on a schedule. A schedule template, covering letter and instructions on the application process can be found on our website.

If you are an individual who did not render service as a member of an organisation, please complete the online nomination form on our website.

