
Schedule—Amendments

Australian Fire Service Medal Regulations

1 Subregulations 4(2) to (5)

Repeal the subregulations, substitute:

- (2) The Governor-General may determine, in writing, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, the number of awards of the Medal for each of the following:
 - (a) the Commonwealth in a calendar year;
 - (b) a State in a calendar year;
 - (c) the Australian Capital Territory in a calendar year;
 - (d) the Northern Territory in a calendar year;
 - (e) all of the external Territories in a calendar year.
- (3) The Prime Minister must not make a recommendation under subregulation (2) in relation to the number of awards of the Medal unless:
 - (a) at least one Medal may be awarded for each calendar year to the Commonwealth; and
 - (b) for each of the States, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory—the number of awards for a calendar year is broadly proportionate to the State or Territory's share of the total number of members of the fire service, or combined fire services, across all of the States, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory; and
 - (c) at least one Medal may be awarded for each calendar year to all of the external Territories.
- (4) The number of awards of the Medal under this regulation for the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory or all of the external Territories for a calendar year must not exceed the number specified in, or worked out in accordance with, a determination under subregulation (2) in relation to the Commonwealth, State, Territory or all of the external Territories for that year.

2 After regulation 4

Insert:

4A Conditions for additional award of the Medal—COVID-19 pandemic

- (1) The Medal may be awarded for service in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic to a person eligible for the award of the Medal under regulation 4.
- (2) An award of the Medal in accordance with this regulation may only be made in the 5-year period commencing on 25 January 2020 or, if the Governor-General determines a further period, such further period.
- (3) The Governor-General may, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, determine a further period, not exceeding 3 years, for the purposes of subregulation (2).
- (4) The Governor-General may, under subregulation (3), determine a further period more than once. However, each period of extension must not exceed 3 years.

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- (5) To avoid doubt, an award of the Medal in accordance with this regulation does not count towards a limit in subregulation 4(4).