
Schedule—Amendments

Public Service Medal Regulations

1 Regulation 2 (definition of *authority*)

Omit “State or” (wherever occurring), substitute “State, an external Territory or”.

2 Regulation 2

Insert:

external Territory means Norfolk Island, the Territory of Christmas Island or the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

3 Regulation 2 (definition of *local government*)

After “State”, insert “(including a local government body in an external Territory)”.

4 Regulation 2 (definition of *State*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

State includes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

5 Subregulation 3(1)

Omit “State or” (wherever occurring), substitute “State, an external Territory or”.

6 Subregulations 3(2) to (4)

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) all of the external Territories in a period of 3 calendar years.
- (3) The Prime Minister must not make a recommendation under subregulation (2) in relation to the number of awards of the Medal unless:
 - (a) for the Commonwealth and each of the States—the number of awards for a calendar year is broadly proportionate to the Commonwealth or the State’s share of the total number of members of the public service across the Commonwealth and all of the States; and
 - (b) at least one Medal may be awarded for each period of 3 calendar years to all of the external Territories.
- (4) The number of awards of the Medal under this regulation for:
 - (a) the Commonwealth or a State for a calendar year; or
 - (b) all of the external Territories for a period of 3 calendar years;must not exceed the number specified in, or worked out in accordance with, a determination under subregulation (2) in relation to the Commonwealth or the State for the calendar year, or all of the external Territories for the period of 3 calendar years.

7 After regulation 3

Insert:

3A 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 3.
- (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.
- (5) To avoid doubt, an award of the Medal in accordance with this regulation does not count towards a limit in subregulation 3(4).

8 Paragraph 4(3)(d)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (d) in the case of service with an external Territory, an authority of the external Territory or in an office or position remunerated by or on behalf of the external Territory—the Minister of State for the Commonwealth responsible for administering the Territory.