

## ORDER OF WEAR

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The Medal is worn in accordance with the *Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards* as approved by The Sovereign.

### DAY FUNCTIONS

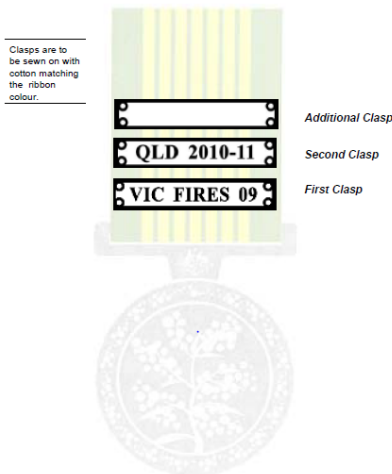
For day functions where decorations are prescribed, the full-size insignia is worn on the left breast.

### EVENING FUNCTIONS

For evening functions where decorations are prescribed, the miniature is worn on the left breast.

### EVERYDAY USE

For functions where decorations are not prescribed or for everyday wear, the ribbon bar may be worn on the left breast with all forms of dress at the discretion of the holder. It should not be worn at the same time as full-size or miniature medals.



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**THE NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY MEDAL**

**WEARING GUIDE**

## ABOUT THE MEDAL

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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.

The Medal was introduced into the Australian Honours system by Letters Patent by Queen Elizabeth II on 23 October 2011, during her visit to Australia.

The *National Emergency Medal Regulations 2011* were also approved by Queen Elizabeth II on this date.

## MEDAL DESIGN

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The Medal is mounted on a nickel silver suspender bar, which features the Commonwealth Coat of Arms on the front and back.

The front of the Medal features a central image of a stylised representation of the wattle, Australia's national floral emblem.

The image around the central image is a ring of flowering wattle, representing the accomplishments and sacrifices made by Australians in the service of others, in times of crisis.

The back of the Medal repeats the ring of the flowering wattle and includes the words - For service to others in a national emergency - and includes the engraved name of the recipient.

## MEDAL RIBBON

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The ribbon includes a 6mm band of eucalyptus green, a 20mm band of metallic gold and eucalyptus green stripes. Gold symbolises the Australian sun, optimism and hope, while eucalyptus green complements the symbolism of the medal design.

The seven gold bands represent Australia's six states, with the seventh representing the territories.

## MINIATURE

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The miniature of the National Emergency Medal is a half-size replica of the medal, suspended from a miniature ribbon 16mm wide.