



## EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL

### DETERMINATION

I, General the Honourable David Hurley, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting in pursuance of regulations 6 and 7 of the *Emergency Services Medal Regulations* revoke the *Emergency Service Medal Determination* made on the first day of September 2008, and hereby determine as follows (see note):

#### Main Piece

The Emergency Services Medal is a bi-metal construction of silver and bronze colouring in a circular shape 38 millimetres in diameter. The medal is surmounted by a silver suspender bar of fixed configuration, with the raised and polished words 'EMERGENCY SERVICES' running the width of the ribbon on the obverse. The obverse of the medal has a central motif of a raised equilateral triangle device with the edges bevelled and top surface polished and bounded on all sides by stylised sprays of wattle representing the Australian nature of the award. The centre of the equilateral triangle has a bronze coloured insert, circular in shape with a raised impression of the Federation Star. This device is surrounded by a circlet of twenty-four balls representing the twenty-four hours per day emergency services are available to the community. The circular portion of the medal obverse has a raised and polished rim. The reverse bears a semi-circular, raised and polished panel featuring the incised words 'FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE'. The rounded ends of the panel are in line with the bottom edge of the centre insert, which incorporates a bronze coloured insert, circular in shape, with a raised impression of the Federation Star. The area below the insert is available for engraving the recipient's name. The overall background is of a finely textured or frosted finish. All highlight points of the award are a polished finish. The ribbon of the Emergency Services Medal is 32 millimetres wide and features a centre band of an orange and white checkerboard pattern 25 millimetres wide, with five squares, each square being 5 millimeters square. The checkerboard pattern is flanked on each outer edge by a royal blue band 3.5 millimetres wide. The medal thickness is 3mm. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 46mm. The total height of the Main Medal is 92mm.

#### Miniature Piece

The Miniature Piece of the Emergency Services Medal is a half-size replica of the Main Piece, suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The medal thickness is 2mm. The height from the top of the suspender bar to the bottom of the medal is 23mm. The total height of the Miniature Piece is 46mm.

#### Lapel Badge

The Lapel Badge of the Emergency Services Medal is a replica of the medal, 10 millimetres in diameter.

#### Ribbon Bar

The Ribbon Bar of the Emergency Services Medal consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32

millimetres wide and 10 millimetres high, with no emblem.

### **Wearing**

The Emergency Services Medal is worn on the left breast on all occasions when full size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Miniature Piece is worn on all occasions when miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The Ribbon Bar may be worn at any time on uniform or civilian dress at the discretion of the recipient. The Lapel Badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress. The manner of wearing the Emergency Services Medal is in accordance with the *Guide to the Wearing of Insignia*.

### **Order of Wear**

The Emergency Services Medal is worn in accordance with *The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards*.

### **Note**

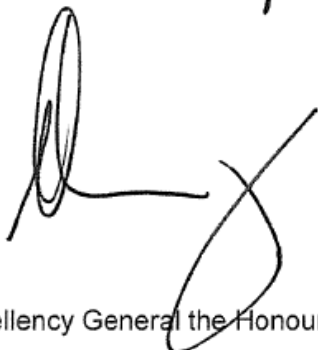
The Letters Patent approved by The Sovereign institutes the medal and ordains that the medal is governed by the Regulations Governing the Award of the Emergency Services Medal. These Regulations, approved by The Sovereign, set out the terms and conditions of an award, and states that the design, and manner of wearing, of the medal is determined by the Governor-General.

This document is known as the Determination and it informs the design of the medal, its associated insignia, and that the order of wearing is in accordance with The Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards and the manner of wearing is in accordance with the Guide to the Wearing of Insignia. The design of the medal and associated insignia must be in accordance with the relevant technical specifications.

The placement of the medal is approved by The Sovereign, and the Order of Wearing of Australian Honours and Awards is the notification by the Governor-General of the positioning of all awards in the Australian honours system.

These instruments collectively inform the rules and conditions associated with the Emergency Services Medal.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023



His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)  
**GOVERNOR-GENERAL**