

Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Police Medal

as amended

made under

Letters Patent

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Schedule

Short title [see note 1]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Police Medal Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:
“Australian police force” means the Australian Federal Police or the police force of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth;
“Medal” means the Australian Police Medal.

Design of Medal

3. The design of the Medal shall be as prescribed.

Conditions for award of Medal

4. (1) The Medal shall be awarded only for distinguished service by a member of an Australian police force.
(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.
(3) The Prime Minister must not make a recommendation under subregulation (2) in relation to the number of awards of the Medal for the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory for a calendar year unless the number is broadly proportionate to the Commonwealth, State or Territory's share of the total number of members of each of the Australian police forces.
(4) The number of awards of the Medal under this regulation for the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory 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 or Territory for that year.

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

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

Awards

5. (1) An award of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General and notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.
(2) The Medal shall not be awarded to a member of a police force except upon the nomination of the responsible Minister for that force.
(3) For the purpose of sub-regulation (2), the responsible Minister for a police force is-

- (a) in the case of the Australian Federal Police—the Minister of State of the Commonwealth administering the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* or a Minister of State of the Commonwealth acting for and on behalf of the first-mentioned Minister;
- (b) in the case of the Police Force of a State—the Premier of that State or a Minister of the Crown of that State acting for and on behalf of the Premier; and
- (c) in the case of the Police Force of a Territory—the Chief Minister of that Territory or a Minister of that Territory acting for and on behalf of the Chief Minister.

Wearing of the Medal

- 6. The manner of wearing the Medal shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

Designation of holder of Medal

- 7. Persons to whom the Medal has been awarded are entitled to have the letters “APM” placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

Register of awards

- 8. (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall maintain a register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

Cancellation and reinstatement

- 9. (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award of the Medal to a person and may restore an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register kept for the purpose of regulation 8 and that person shall return the Medal to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled is restored, the Registrar shall restore the entry in the Register that had been erased.

Notes to the Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Police Medal

Note 1

The *Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Police Medal* (in force under *Letters Patent*) as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

Table of Instruments

Title	Date of notification in gazette	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Police Medal	11 Mar 1986 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1986, No. S102)	3 Mar 1986	—
Amendments to the Australian Police Medal Regulations - 2021	6 June 2022 (see <i>Gazette</i> 2022, No. C2022G00464)	23 Dec 2021	—

Table of Amendments

ad. = added or inserted | am. = amended | rep. = repealed | rs. = repealed and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
R. 4	am. 2021
R. 4A	ad. 2021