



NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDAL - FLOODS FEBRUARY 2022

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION SHEET

The National Emergency Medal (NEM) was established in 2011 to provide recognition within the Australian honours system for the committed and courageous efforts of frontline responders, volunteers and immediate supporters during nationally-significant emergencies in Australia.

The most recent declared emergency – Floods February 2022 was declared on 27 March 2024, and the Declaration (see link below) includes information on geographical areas, the dates of duration of declared emergency and eligible service during the emergency.

What is eligible service?

To be considered for the award of a National Emergency Medal and/or Clasp, applicants must have rendered eligible service as outlined in Clause 9 of the Regulations.

Response - refers to action and intervention during a declared emergency. The focus is on protecting and saving lives and in the protection of community assets (properties and infrastructure).

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Dates of service
- Type of service
- Location of service
- Length of service

To assist the assessment process, applicants and nominators must include all relevant information, including the role/position and the description of service performed in direct response to the declared emergency.

What is not eligible service?

Service provided during the recovery phase is not considered as eligible.

Recovery - refers to the repair, reconstruction and rebuilding of communities following the impact of an emergency. The focus is on coordinating support for emergency-affected communities, and in the reconstruction of physical infrastructure and restoration.

Persons who were not engaged in duties that were in direct response to the nationally-significant emergency, e.g. being on standby and alert do not constitute service in direct response.

Floods February 2022 Declaration

The [National Emergency Medal \(Floods February 2022\) Declaration 2024](#) states:

Clause 7 Geographical area of declared emergency

For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(b) of the Regulations, the geographical area in Australia where the declared emergency happened is the area that consists of the local government area in the States of New South Wales and Queensland, as at 23 February 2022, specified in the section 7(2) and (3).

Clause 8 Duration of declared emergency

(1) For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(c) of the Regulations, the declared emergency began on 23 February 2022.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(d) of the Regulations, the duration of the declared emergency was the period beginning on 23 February 2022 and ending 4 March 2022.

Clause 9 Eligible service during declared emergency

For the purposes of paragraph 3(4)(e) of the Regulations, the type of service in relation to the declared emergency that is required to qualify for the award of the Medal for sustained service is service by a person:

- (a) in the protection of lives and property; or
- (b) in the service of interests that are not their own;
in direct response to the declared emergency (including support that enables or facilitates the emergency response).

How to apply

If you provided service with an organisation, agency, or group during the declared nationally-significant emergency, please contact your primary service organisation consolidate and support your nomination for the award.

For those who rendered service in a private capacity please review for more information and on how to apply is available at: [Australian Honours and Awards | Apply for the National Emergency Medal](#).

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