



**Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600**

10 December 2025

Honorary Appointment - General Division - February 2026

**The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointment in the
Order of Australia:**

HONORARY OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Dr Ng Eng Hen, Singapore

For distinguished service to the Australia-Singapore bilateral relationship, particularly to the field of defence cooperation.

By Her Excellency's Command

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Gerard Martin PSM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Over the last 20 years, and particularly as Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore from 2011 to 2025, Dr Ng has made a significant contribution to deepening the defence and broader bilateral relationship between Australia and Singapore. His commitment to strengthening the Australia-Singapore defence relationship has laid strong foundations in advancing Australia's continuing strategic interests and the Australian Defence Force's operational objectives and presence in the Indo-Pacific region.

Dr Ng was instrumental in elevating the defence pillar of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Australia and Singapore in 2015. This pillar remains the foundation for enhanced defence cooperation. During Dr Ng's stewardship, Australia and Singapore have delivered a series of landmark defence treaties that have not only strengthened our defence ties, but have also contributed to regional stability and mutual trust.

Dr Ng's contributions have left a lasting legacy on the Australia-Singapore defence relationship and have advanced Australia's strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

Dr Ng's distinguished service to the Australia-Singapore bilateral relationship and particularly to our defence partnership, is thoroughly worthy of formal national recognition with an appointment as an Honorary Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.