



Government House  
Canberra ACT 2600

It is notified for general information that Her Majesty The Queen has approved the institution of the Defence Long Service Medal and the following amendments of the Regulations governing the award of the Defence Force Service Medal, the Reserve Force Decoration and the Reserve Force Medal.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

*GREETING:*

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted another Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to persons who render long and efficient service as members of the Defence Force and to certain other persons who render long and efficient service in association with the Defence Force:

KNOW YOU that We do, by these Presents, institute a medal to be called the Defence Long Service Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Defence Long Service Medal is governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great  
Seal of Australia at Our  
Court at St James's on  
26<sup>th</sup> May, 1998.

By Her Majesty's Command,

  
*John Howard*  
Prime Minister

## SCHEDULE

## DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence Long Service Medal Regulations.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations:

“Chief of the Defence Force” means the Chief of the Defence Force appointed under section 9 of the *Defence Act 1903*;

“Clasp” means a clasp to the Medal;

“Defence Force Service Awards Regulations” means the Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 20 April 1982 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time;

“Medal” means the Defence Long Service Medal;

“member of the Defence Force” means:

- (a) a member of the Permanent Forces; or
- (b) a member of the Reserve Forces; or
- (c) a member of a philanthropic organisation who provides philanthropic service to the Defence Force;

“Permanent Forces” has the meaning given by subsection 4(1) of the *Defence Act 1903*;

“philanthropic organisation” means an organisation determined to be a philanthropic organisation by the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force;

“Register” means the Register maintained under paragraph 11(2)(a);

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Awards appointed under subregulation 11(1);

“Reserve Forces” has the meaning given by subsection 4(1) of the *Defence Act 1903*.

**Award of the Medal**

3. The Medal may be awarded to a person who:

- (a) has given qualifying service for a period of at least 15 years or periods that, in total, amount to at least 15 years; and
- (b) has given at least 1 day’s qualifying service on or after 14 February 1975.

**Award of clasp**

4. A clasp may be awarded to a person who:

- (a) has been awarded the Medal; and
- (b) has given qualifying service for each period of at least 5 years or periods that, in total, amount to at least 5 years, additional to the period mentioned in regulation 3.

**Qualifying service**

5. Service in the Defence Force is qualifying service if:

- (a) where the service was given as a member of the Permanent Forces or the Reserve Forces — the member:
  - (i) fulfilled the requirements specified in directions given by the Chief of the Defence Force; and
  - (ii) gave efficient service; or
- (b) where the service was given as a member of a philanthropic organisation who provides philanthropic service to the Defence Force — the member gave efficient service.

**Service for award under Defence Force Service Award Regulations**

6. (1) A period of service for which an award has been made under the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations cannot be counted as qualifying service under these Regulations.

(2) However, if a member of the Defence Force who has received an award under the Defence Force Service Awards Regulations has a period, or periods, of unrecognised service because of the conditions of that award, the member may:

- (a) request the Governor-General to cancel the award; and
- (b) have the period of service for which the award was made, and any periods of unrecognised service, counted as qualifying service under these Regulations.

**Service by member of the forces of another country**

7. Service in the Defence Force by a person who is a member of the naval, military or air forces of another country while on secondment to, or exchange with, the Defence Force may be qualifying service if the person:

- (a) becomes a member of the Defence Force; and
- (b) gives efficient service as a member of the Defence Force.

**Making of awards**

8. An award of the Medal or a clasp may be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force.

**Design of the Medal or clasp**

9. The design of the Medal or a clasp is as determined by the Governor-General.

**Wearing of the Medal**

10. The manner of wearing of the Medal or of a clasp is as determined by the Governor-General.

**Registrar of Awards**

11. (1) The Governor-General must appoint a Registrar of Awards.

(2) The Registrar must maintain:

- (a) a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded; and
- (b) such other records relating to the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

**Cancellation of award**

12. (1) On the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force, the Governor-General may cancel an award made under these Regulations.

(2) If an award of the Medal is cancelled:

- (a) the Registrar must strike from the Register the entry relating to the award; and
- (b) the person holding the Medal must return the Medal to the Registrar.

(3) If an award of a clasp is cancelled:

- (a) the Registrar must strike from the Register the entry relating to the award; and
- (b) the person holding the clasp must return the clasp to the Registrar.

**Reinstatement of award**

13. (1) On the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force, the Governor-General may reinstate an award that has been cancelled.

(2) If an award is reinstated, the Registrar must:

- (a) restore the entry that was stricken from the Register; and
- (b) return the Medal or clasp.