CHAPTER 33

AUSTRALIAN CADET FORCES SERVICE MEDAL

Introduction

33.1 The Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal (ACFSM) recognises long and efficient service by officers and instructors in the Australian Cadet Forces. The ACFSM is described in Volume 2, Chapter 18.

Authority

33.2 ACFSM Regulations are contained in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette S129 of 17 March 2000 which can be viewed at www.defence.gov.au/medals.

Definition

33.3 Australian Cadet Forces mean the cadet forces of the Navy, Army and Air Force as defined in Cadet Force Regulations 1977.

Nomination procedures

33.4 The relevant State Headquarters of the Australian Cadet Forces are responsible for nominating and verifying entitlements in accordance with single-Service guidelines. A list of eligible officers and instructors, as confirmed by the Australian Cadet Force, is to be forwarded to the Directorate of Honours and Awards where consolidated schedules setting out the names of those being nominated for awards will be forwarded for consideration by the Governor-General.

33.5 The Chief of the Defence Force has appointed the Director of Honours and Awards as delegate for the purpose of making recommendations to the Governor-General for awards of the ACFSM.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal qualifying conditions

33.6 The ACFSM may be awarded to an officer or instructor of cadets, who has, on or after 14 February 1975, completed 15 years efficient service, either continuous or aggregated, in the Australian Cadet Forces.

33.7 A clasp to the ACFSM may be awarded for each successive period of five years efficient service after the award of the medal. A round rosette ribbon emblem is worn on the ribbon bar to denote the award of a clasp. Up to four rosettes are worn. On award of the fifth clasp a single Federation Star ribbon emblem is worn in lieu of the four rosettes. Additional Federation Star emblems are added for the sixth and subsequent clasps awarded. The method of wearing clasps and ribbon emblems is shown in Volume 2, Chapter 18, Annex A.

Service recognised by other awards

33.8 Service given by an officer or instructor of cadets cannot be taken into account for the ACFSM if it is service for which one of the following awards has been made by, or in the name of, The Sovereign, the Governor-General or the Head of State of a foreign country:

a. the Imperial Cadet Forces Medal or a clasp to that Medal;

b. another Imperial medal recognising:

(1) a member’s service as an officer or instructor of cadets; or

(2) a member’s service in the Permanent Forces or the Reserve Forces, where the service was given solely as an officer or an instructor of cadets;
c. an Australian medal recognising a member’s service in the Permanent Forces or the Reserve Forces, where the service was given solely as an officer or an instructor of cadets; or

d. an award of a foreign country recognising the member’s service, where the member’s service was given as the equivalent of an officer or an instructor of cadets.

Service by an officer or instructor of cadets of a foreign country

33.9 Service to the Australian Cadet Forces by a member who was the equivalent of an officer or an instructor of a cadet force of a foreign country, while on secondment to, or on exchange with the Australian Cadet Forces, is qualifying service if the member:

a. gave efficient service throughout the period of secondment or exchange; and

b. became an officer or an instructor in the Australian Cadet Force after the period of secondment or exchange.