

ORDER OF WEARING AUSTRALIAN HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. Shown below is the current table of the order of precedence for honours and awards as published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* No S101, Thursday, 4 April 2002.

2. Honours and Awards listed in the Schedule in BOLD print are:

- a. those within the Australian System of Honours and Awards;
- b. those conferred by The Sovereign in the exercise of the Royal Prerogative;
- c. those within the Order of St John, having been conferred by The Sovereign on the recommendation of the Governor-General; and
- d. foreign honours and awards.

3. The order of precedence is as follows:

VICTORIA CROSS George Cross	VC GC
CROSS OF VALOUR	CV
KNIGHT/LADY OF THE GARTER	KG/LO
KNIGHT/LADY OF THE THISTLE Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath	KT/LT GCB
ORDER OF MERIT	OM
*KNIGHT/DAME OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George	AK/AD GCMG
KNIGHT/DAME GRAND CROSS OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire	GCVO GBE
COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Companion of Honour Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George	AC CH KCB/DCB KCMG/DCMG
KNIGHT/DAME COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire Knight Bachelor	KCVO/DCVO KBE/DBE
OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA Companion of the Order of the Bath Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George	AO CB CMG
COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER Commander of the Order of the British Empire	CVO CBE
STAR OF GALLANTRY	SG
STAR OF COURAGE Companion of the Distinguished Service Order	SC DSO
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS	DSC
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA	AM
LIEUTENANT OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER Officer of the Order of the British Empire Companion of the Imperial Service Order	LVO OBE ISO
MEMBER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER Member of the Order of the British Empire	MVO MBE
CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS	CSC

NURSING SERVICE CROSS	NSC
Royal Red Cross (1st Class)	RRC
Distinguished Service Cross	DSC
Military Cross	MC
Distinguished Flying Cross	DFC
Air Force Cross	AFC
Royal Red Cross (2nd Class)	ARRC
MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY	MG
BRAVERY MEDAL	BM
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL	DSM
PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL	PSM
AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL	APM
AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL	AFSM
AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL	ASM
EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL	ESM
MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA	OAM
ORDER OF ST JOHN	
Distinguished Conduct Medal	DCM
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	CGM
George Medal	GM
CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL	CSM
AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL	AAM
Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry	QPM
Queen's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry	QFSM
Distinguished Service Medal	DSM
Military Medal	MM
Distinguished Flying Medal	DFM
Air Force Medal	AFM
Queen's Gallantry Medal	QGM
ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL	RVM
British Empire Medal	BEM
Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service	QPM
Queen's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service	QFSM
COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY	
COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT	
Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct	
COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE	
WAR MEDALS/AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75/AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL (in order of date of qualifying service) (note ^(a))	
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975/AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL/RHODESIA MEDAL (in order of date of qualifying service)	
POLICE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL	
HUMANITARIAN OVERSEAS MEDAL	
CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1935-1945	
Polar Medal	
Imperial Service Medal	
CORONATION AND JUBILEE MEDALS (in order of date of receipt)	
DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE MEDAL	
RESERVE FORCE DECORATION	RFD
RESERVE FORCE MEDAL	

DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL

NATIONAL MEDAL

AUSTRALIAN CADET FORCES SERVICE MEDAL

CHAMPION SHOTS MEDAL

LONG SERVICE MEDALS (includes Imperial efficiency and long service awards)

Independence and Anniversary Medals (in order of date of receipt)

ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL SERVICE 1951-1972 MEDAL

FOREIGN AWARDS (in order of date of authorisation of their acceptance and wearing) (notes ^{(b)(c)})

* Provision for further awards at this level within the Order of Australia was removed by The Queen on 03 March 1986 on the advice of the Prime Minister.

Notes

- (a) The AASM 1945-75 is worn after all World War II medals and before all post-World War II service medals.
- (b) These awards may be worn only when the Sovereign's permission has been given.
- (c) The methods of wearing Commendation for Gallantry, Commendation for Brave Conduct, Commendation for Distinguished Service, Mentioned in Dispatches, and Sovereign's Commendations are detailed in part 5, [chapter 2—'Wearing of orders, decorations and medals'](#).
- (d) The General Service Medal (British) which was awarded to any serving member on or after 06 February 1989 is now classed as a foreign award and must be worn after Australian Long Service Medals. Medals such as the British Gulf War Medal would be worn behind the GSM etc.

Defence note

4. Order of wear for service medals from the end of World War II on Defence uniform are:

Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75
Korea medal
United Nations Service Medal with Class 'Korea'
Naval General Service Medal 1915-62
General Service Medal 1918-62
General Service Medal 1962 (for service up to 06 February 1989 after which it is worn as a foreign award)
Vietnam Medal
Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal
Australian Active Service Medal
INTERFET Medal
Australian Service Medal 1945-75
Australian Service Medal
Rhodesia Medal
Police Overseas Service Medal
Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal
Australian Sports Medal
Centenary Medal
DFSA/DLSM/National Medal/ACFSM as stipulated in main list above
Champion Shots Medal
Imperial Long Service Awards as stipulated in the main list above
Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal
Foreign awards in order of date of approval.

5. Further information in reference to the order of wearing medals, awards and national symbols can be obtained from the web site <http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au>.

