



Australian Government

Department of Defence

1975 to the Present Day

Campaign Medals



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The International Force East Timor (INTERFET) Medal



In 1999, Australia led the international force that saw the removal of the occupying Indonesian power from the former Portuguese territory of East Timor.

To recognise the importance of this operation, the International Force East Timor Medal was established in 2000. As well as being awarded to members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), the INTERFET Medal was offered by Australia to all countries that provided

contingents to the International Force in East Timor.

The basic eligibility requirement for the INTERFET Medal is 30 days service in the prescribed area between 16 September 1999 and 10 April 2000.

The Rhodesia Medal



The Rhodesia Medal was issued to Commonwealth personnel who served in Rhodesia for a period of at least 14 days between 1 December 1979 and 20 March 1980, pending the elections before the establishment of the independent Republic of Zimbabwe.

The Afghanistan Medal



The Afghanistan Medal was introduced in 2004 to recognise Australian involvement in military operations in Afghanistan.

The basic eligibility requirement for the Afghanistan Medal is 30 days service or 30 sorties in the prescribed area after 11 October 2001.

The Iraq Medal



The Iraq Medal was introduced in 2004 for service with the US led coalition operations in Iraq, commencing in 2003.

The medal was awarded initially for a period of seven days service in the prescribed area from 18 March 2003. From 1 May 2003 the qualifying period was extended to 30 days.

The Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal



The Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (HOSM) is awarded to members of recognised charitable or humanitarian groups who provide humanitarian service under hazardous or extreme conditions in designated areas of the world.

The HOSM is administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The ADF has had a significant involvement with relief work, and was approved as an eligible organisation for the award of the HOSM for the Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004 and the Pakistan earthquake in 2005.

A clasp, which denotes the humanitarian operation for which the award is made, is presented with the medal.

Clasps issued for the HOSM for ADF personnel are: Indian Ocean and Pakistan.

How do I apply for my relative's medals?

Whilst Defence Honours and Awards cannot provide replacement medals to the next of kin of a deceased recipient if they are lost or damaged, it may issue any unclaimed medals to the executor of the will (only at the time the will is being executed), or beneficiary of the will. If, however, after the estate is settled, there are any (future) unclaimed medals due to the member, please contact Defence Honours and Awards toll-free on 1800 111 321.

If you would like further information on eligibility or to ascertain what medals have been awarded or remain outstanding, please contact Defence Honours and Awards or, alternatively, complete an application form '*Application for the Posthumous Issue of Medals and/or Clasps*', which can be found on the Defence Honours and Awards' website at www.defence.gov.au/medals.

Can I wear my relative's medals?



Although not officially sanctioned, a protocol has been accepted that family members of a deceased recipient may wear that person's medals on commemorative occasions such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

In these circumstances, the medals should be worn on the right side to show that the wearer is not the original recipient.

The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards

The Queen determines the placement of each element in the order of wearing Australian honours and awards, and a consolidation is notified by the Governor-General from time to time.

The most recent order was published on 25 September 2007 and is available from www.itsanhonour.gov.au or the DH&A website www.defence.gov.au/medals.



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Are you researching your family's military history?
These links may assist you.

www.itsanhonour.gov.au

(medal information including Order of Wear)

www.gg.gov.au

(Office of the Governor-General)

www.naa.gov.au

(National Archives of Australia)

www.awm.gov.au

(Australian War Memorial)

www.dva.gov.au

(Department of Veterans' Affairs)

www.rsl.org.au

(Returned and Services League of Australia)

www.mod.uk

(UK Ministry of Defence)

www.veterans-uk.info

(UK Service Personnel & Veterans Agency)