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## **THE ORDER OF WEARING AUSTRALIAN HONOURS AND AWARDS**

The Governor-General notifies for general information the positioning of the wearing of Australian Orders, Decorations and Medals. This notification incorporates the positioning of the following awards: the Afghanistan Medal (notified in Special Gazette No. S422 of 22 October 2004); the Iraq Medal (notified in Special Gazette No. S421 of 22 October 2004); and the Australian Defence Medal (notified in Special Gazette No. S48 of 30 March 2006).

The Schedule, together with the Annexes to the Schedule, incorporates the new positioning of these awards and supersedes that notified in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. S101 of 4 April 2002.

Honours and Awards listed in the Schedule and Annexes in **BOLD** print are:

- those within the Australian System of Honours and Awards;
- those conferred by The Sovereign in exercise of the Royal Prerogative;
- those within the Order of St John; and
- foreign awards, the acceptance and wearing of which have been authorised by the Governor-General.
  - all imperial British awards made to Australian citizens after 5 October 1992 are foreign awards and should be worn accordingly.

Those Honours and Awards listed in the Schedule and Annexes in UNBOLDED print are Imperial awards.

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### THE SCHEDULE

<b>VICTORIA CROSS (1)</b>	<b>VC</b>
George Cross	GC
<b>CROSS OF VALOUR</b>	<b>CV</b>
<b>KNIGHT/LADY OF THE GARTER</b>	<b>KG/LG</b>
<b>KNIGHT/LADY OF THE THISTLE</b>	<b>KT/LT</b>
Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath	GCB
<b>ORDER OF MERIT</b>	<b>OM</b>
<b>KNIGHT/DAME OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (2)</b>	<b>AK/AD</b>
Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George	GCMG
<b>KNIGHT/DAME GRAND CROSS OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER</b>	<b>GCVO</b>
Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire	GBE
<b>COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>AC</b>
Companion of Honour	CH
Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath	KCB/DCB
Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George	KCMG/DCMG
<b>KNIGHT/DAME COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER</b>	<b>KCVO/DCVO</b>
Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire	KBE/DBE
Knight Bachelor ( <i>NB: Confers title of "Sir" - no postnominals</i> )	
<b>OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>AO</b>
Companion of the Order of the Bath	CB
Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George	CMG
<b>COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER</b>	<b>CVO</b>
Commander of the Order of the British Empire	CBE
<b>STAR OF GALLANTRY</b>	<b>SG</b>
<b>STAR OF COURAGE</b>	<b>SC</b>
Companion of the Distinguished Service Order	DSO
<b>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS</b>	<b>DSC</b>
<b>MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>AM</b>
<b>LIEUTENANT OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER</b>	<b>LVO</b>
Officer of the Order of the British Empire	OBE
Companion of the Imperial Service Order	ISO
<b>MEMBER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER</b>	<b>MVO</b>
Member of the Order of the British Empire	MBE
<b>CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS</b>	<b>CSC</b>
<b>NURSING SERVICE CROSS</b>	<b>NSC</b>
Royal Red Cross (1st Class)	RRC
Distinguished Service Cross	DSC

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Military Cross	MC
Distinguished Flying Cross	DFC
Air Force Cross	AFC
Royal Red Cross (2nd Class)	ARRC
<b>MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY</b>	<b>MG</b>
<b>BRAVERY MEDAL</b>	<b>BM</b>
<b>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL</b>	<b>DSM</b>
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL</b>	<b>PSM</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN POLICE MEDAL</b>	<b>APM</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL</b>	<b>AFSM</b>
<b>AMBULANCE SERVICE MEDAL</b>	<b>ASM</b>
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL</b>	<b>ESM</b>
<b>MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA</b>	<b>OAM</b>
<b>ORDER OF ST JOHN</b> (3)	
Distinguished Conduct Medal	DCM
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	CGM
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)	CGM
George Medal	GM
<b>CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL</b>	<b>CSM</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL</b> (4)	<b>AAM</b>
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
Sea Gallantry Medal	SGM
Queen's Gallantry Medal	QGM
<b>ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL</b>	<b>RVM</b>
British Empire Medal	BEM
Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service	QPM
Queen's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service	QFSM
<b>COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY</b>	
<b>COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT</b>	
Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct	
<b>COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE</b>	
<b>War medals, campaign medals, active service medals and service medals</b> (see Annex 1)	
<b>POLICE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL</b> (5)	
<b>HUMANITARIAN OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL</b> (5)	
<b>CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1939-1945</b>	
Polar Medal	
Imperial Service Medal	
<b>Coronation, Jubilee, Remembrance and Commemorative medals</b> (in order of date of receipt) (see Annex 2)	

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<b>DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE MEDAL</b>	
<b>RESERVE FORCE DECORATION</b>	<b>RFD</b>
<b>RESERVE FORCE MEDAL</b>	
<b>DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL</b>	
<b>NATIONAL MEDAL</b>	
<b>AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MEDAL</b>	
<b>AUSTRALIAN CADET FORCES SERVICE MEDAL</b>	
<b>CHAMPION SHOTS MEDAL</b>	
<b>Long Service Medals (6)</b>	
<b>ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL SERVICE 1951-1972 MEDAL</b>	
Independence and Anniversary Medals (in order of date of receipt)	
<b>Foreign Awards</b> (in order of date of authorisation of their acceptance and wearing)	

By His Excellency's Command



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**The Schedule** (continued)

**Notes:**

1. Refers to the Imperial *Victoria Cross* and the *Victoria Cross for Australia*.
2. Provision for further awards at this level within the Order of Australia was removed by Her Majesty The Queen on 3 March 1986 on the advice of the Prime Minister.
3. Listed to indicate where any awards within the Order of St John should be worn; however, the Service Medal of the Order of St John should be worn as a Long Service Medal after all other Imperial Long Service awards. Post-nominals within the Order of St John are not recognised as notified in the Governor-General's media release of 14 August 1982.
4. The Australian Antarctic Medal was known as the Antarctic Medal until 18 December 1997.
5. Clasps to these medals should be worn on the ribbon in order of date of receipt commencing from the bottom of the ribbon.
6. Includes Imperial efficiency and long service awards.

**General Notes:**

The *Unit Citation for Gallantry*, the *Meritorious Unit Citation* and the *Group Bravery Citation* are not positioned in The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards. For members of uniformed services, they should be worn in accordance with the dress rules of the particular Service concerned. Civilian personnel awarded the *Group Bravery Citation* should wear the insignia on the left lapel or left breast. Should other honours or awards have been awarded, the *Group Bravery Citation* should be worn centrally, approx 10mm above these.

The insignia for The Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct is worn directly on the coat after any medal ribbons.

The Mention in Despatches is an Imperial award. It is not positioned in the Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards. The Department of Defence provides advice on the wearing of the emblem.

**WAR MEDALS, CAMPAIGN MEDALS, ACTIVE SERVICE MEDALS  
AND SERVICE MEDALS (1901 onwards)**

***South African War***

Queen's South Africa Medal  
King's South Africa Medal

***World War I***

1914 Star  
1914-15 Star (1\*)  
British War Medal  
Mercantile Marine War Medal  
Victory Medal

Naval General Service Medal 1915-62 (2\* & 3\*)  
General Service Medal 1918-62 (2\* & 3\*)

***World War II***

1939-45 Star  
Atlantic Star (4\*)  
Air Crew Europe Star (4\*)  
Africa Star  
Pacific Star (5\*)  
Burma Star (5\*)  
Italy Star  
France and Germany Star (4\*)  
Defence Medal  
War Medal, 1939-45

**AUSTRALIA SERVICE MEDAL 1939-45**

***Post-World War II***

**AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975 (3\*)**

Korea Medal  
United Nations Service Medal for Korea (6\*)

Naval General Service Medal 1915-62 (2\* & 3\*)  
General Service Medal 1918-62 (2\* & 3\*)  
General Service Medal 1962 (3\*)

**VIETNAM MEDAL**

**VIETNAM LOGISTIC AND SUPPORT MEDAL (7\*)**

**Annex 1** (continued)

**AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL (3\*)**  
**INTERNATIONAL FORCE EAST TIMOR MEDAL**  
**AFGHANISTAN MEDAL**  
**IRAQ MEDAL**  
**AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975 (3\*)**  
**AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL (3\*)**  
**RHODESIA MEDAL**

**Notes:**

- 1\*. Recipients of the *1914 Star* are not eligible for the award of the *1914-15 Star*.
- 2\*. The order of wearing of the *Naval General Service Medal 1915-62* and *General Service Medal 1918-62* (Army and Air Force) will vary from person to person depending on when the person earned the first clasp. If the first clasp relates to service between World War I and World War II, the medals should be worn immediately after World War I war medals. If the first clasp relates to service after 2 September 1945, the medals should be worn immediately after the *United Nations Service Medal for Korea*.
- 3\*. Clasps to these medals should be worn on the ribbon in order of date of receipt.
- 4\*. Only one of these three Stars could be awarded to an individual. Should a person have qualified for two of these awards, the Star first earned is worn with the Clasp of the second Star. Only one Star and one Clasp may be worn even if the person qualified for all three Stars.
- 5\*. Only one of these two Stars could be awarded to an individual. Should a person have qualified for both the *Pacific Star* and the *Burma Star*, the Star first earned was awarded together with the appropriate Clasp denoting the service that would have qualified for the other Star.
- 6\*. Uniquely, although a foreign award, the *United Nations Service Medal for Korea* is worn immediately after the *Korea Medal*. All other foreign awards for which official permission has been given to accept and wear are worn as Foreign Awards.
- 7\*. A person who has been awarded the *Vietnam Medal*, or who is eligible for the award of the *Vietnam Medal*, is not eligible for the award of the *Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal*. These medals are of equal status.

**CORONATION MEDALS, JUBILEE MEDALS, REMEMBRANCE MEDALS  
AND COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS (1901 onwards)**

**KING EDWARD VII's CORONATION MEDAL  
KING GEORGE V's CORONATION MEDAL  
KING GEORGE V's SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL  
KING GEORGE VI's CORONATION MEDAL  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II's CORONATION MEDAL  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II's SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL  
80th ANNIVERSARY ARMISTICE REMEMBRANCE MEDAL  
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDAL  
CENTENARY MEDAL**