



Australian Defence Medal Determination 2021

I, GENERAL ANGUS JOHN CAMPBELL, Chief of the Defence Force, make the following Instrument under regulation 4 of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*.

Dated 16th March 2021



General
Chief of the Defence Force

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1 Name

This instrument is the Australian Defence Medal Determination 2021.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after signature.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under regulation 4 of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*.

4 Definitions

Regulations means the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*.

Note: A number of expressions used in this Instrument are defined in regulation 2 of the Regulations, including the definition of 'Year'.

5 Prevailing discriminatory policy

For subparagraph 4(1)(d)(iii) of the Regulations, policies relating to the following topics that were in effect before the specified dates are determined to be prevailing discriminatory Defence policies.

- (a) Transgender — before 1 June 2010.
- (b) Homosexuality — before 24 November 1992.
- (c) Pregnancy — before 7 January 1975.
- (d) Marriage — before 1 January 1970.
- (e) Retention after marriage — before 21 March 1984.

6 Minimum annual period of service

For paragraph 4(2)(b) of the Regulations, the minimum annual period of service to be completed by a member for a year of qualifying service is provided under Schedule 1.

Schedule 1—Minimum periods of annual qualifying service

The following table specifies the minimum annual periods of service to be completed by a member for a year of qualifying service. The period of service may consist of one, or a combination, of the following.

- a. Days remunerated at Defence rates of salary or sessional fees.
- b. Days on which the member is eligible for a Reserve service payment under Chapter 4 Part 9 Division 4 of Defence Determination 2016/19, Conditions of service, as in force from time to time.
- c. Days of approved voluntary unpaid Reserve service.

Service Category	Minimum qualifying period	Effective dates	Comments
PERMANENT FORCES			
All members	365 days effective service	Up to and including 19 April 2000	
	20 days	From 20 April 2000	
RESERVES			
Royal Australian Navy			
Active Unattached – Merchant Marine Officers, Seaman and Engineers	12 days	Up to and including 28 October 1991	Note 1
	1 day	From 29 October 1991 up to and including 19 April 2000	
Active Unattached – Legal, Hydrographic, Medical, Dental, Psychologist, Chaplain Officers and Maritime Spiritual Wellbeing Officers	5 days	Up to and including 28 October 1991	Note 1
	1 day	From 29 October 1991 up to and including 19 April 2000	
Active Attached – All personnel attached to Port Divisions	12 days	Up to and including 28 October 1991	Note 2
	1 day	From 29 October 1991 up to and including 19 April 2000	
All members	20 days	From 20 April 2000	
Australian Army			
Army Reserve	26 days, including such periods of continuous training and home training as directed by the proper military authority	Up to and including 30 June 1993	
	14 days	From 1 July 1993 up to and including 19 April 2000	
Supplementary Reserve Units	14 days continuous service	Up to and including 30 June 1993	From 1 July 1993 as for Army Reserve
Special conditions units	26 days continuous service	Up to and including 30 June 1993	From 1 July 1993 as for Army Reserve

Specialist consultants	7 days	From 1 July 1993 up to and including 19 April 2000	Service to be approved by a formation commander
All members	20 days	From 20 April 2000	
Royal Australian Air Force			
Active Reserve	32 days	Up to and including 19 April 2000	
Specialist Reserve	7 days	Up to and including 19 April 2000	
General Reserve	1 day	Up to and including 19 April 2000	
All members	20 days	From 20 April 2000	

Notes:

1. Service may be aggregated over a period of three years to achieve an average total of at least 12 days each year, ie: a total of at least 36 days service within a three-year period.
2. Service may be aggregated over a period of two years to achieve an average total of at least 12 days each year, ie: a total of at least 24 days service within a two-year period.

Schedule 2—Savings

If a person was awarded a medal before the commencement of this Determination under an instrument repealed by Schedule 3 of this Determination, the award of the medal is not affected by the repeal of the instrument.

Schedule 3—Revocation

The following Determinations made under the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006* are revoked.

- (a) Determination made under regulation 4 of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*, Qualifying Service (National Service), made on 23 April 2007.
- (b) Determination made under regulation 4 of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*, Qualifying Service (Gap Year), made on 4 September 2007.
- (c) Determination made under regulations 4(1)(a) to (c) of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*, Discharged as medically unfit, made on 8 November 2009.
- (d) Determination made under subregulation 4(2) of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*, Minimum annual periods of service, made on 6 February 2013.
- (e) Determination made under subregulation 4(2) of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*, Qualifying service, made on 20 January 2014.
- (f) Determination made under subregulation 4(2) of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*, Mistreatment, made on 2 April 2015.
- (g) Determination made under subregulation 4(1)(d)(iii) of the *Australian Defence Medal Regulations 2006*, Prevailing discriminatory policy, made on 12 May 2020.