




The Order of wearing Australian honours and awards















This list includes Honours and Awards that are administered within Australia by different organisations, not just Defence. These organisations are:

- [Government House, Honours and Awards Secretariat](#) (GH)
- [The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Honours and Symbols Section](#) (PM&C)
- Defence Directorate of Honours and Awards (DH&A)
- [United Kingdom Honours System](#) (UK) - Note: all imperial British awards made to Australian citizens after 5 October 1992 are classified as foreign awards and should be worn accordingly.















Honours and Awards listed in the Schedule and Annexes in unbolded print are Imperial awards. Those in **bold** print are:












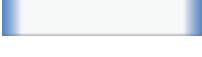


- within the Australian honours and awards system
- conferred by The Sovereign in exercise of the Royal Prerogative
- within the Order of St John
- foreign awards, the acceptance and wearing of which have been authorised by the Governor-General.













Ribbon bar	Award name	Post nominal	Administered by
	Victoria Cross ⁽¹⁾	VC	GH
	George Cross	GC	UK
	Cross of Valour	CV	GH
	Knight/Lady of the Garter	KG/LG	UK

Ribbon bar	Award name	Post nominal	Administered by
	Knight/Lady of the Thistle	KT/LT	UK
	Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath	GCB	UK
	Order of Merit	OM	UK
	Knight/Dame of the Order of Australia⁽²⁾	AK/AD	GH
	Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George	GCMG	UK
	Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order	GCVO	UK
	Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire	GBE	UK
	Companion of the Order of Australia	AC	GH
	Companion of Honour	CH	UK
	Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of the Bath	KCB/DCB	UK
	Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George	KCMG/DCMG	UK
	Knight/Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order	KCVO/DCVO	UK
	Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire	KBE/DBE	UK
	Knight Bachelor (confers the title of 'Sir', no post nominal)		UK

Ribbon bar	Award name	Post nominal	Administered by
	Officer of the Order of Australia	AO	GH
	Companion of the Order of the Bath	CB	UK
	Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George	CMG	UK
	Commander of the Royal Victorian Order	CVO	UK
	Commander of the Order of the British Empire	CBE	UK
	Star of Gallantry	SG	GH
	Star of Courage	SC	GH
	Companion of the Distinguished Service Order	DSO	UK
	Distinguished Service Cross	DSC	GH
	Member of the Order of Australia	AM	GH
	Lieutenant of the Royal Victoria Order	LVO	UK
	Officer of the Order of the British Empire	OBE	UK
	Companion of the Imperial Service Order	ISO	UK
	Member of the Royal Victorian Order	MVO	UK

Ribbon bar	Award name	Post nominal	Administered by
	Member of the Order of the British Empire	MBE	UK
	Conspicuous Service Cross	CSC	GH
	Nursing Service Cross	NSC	GH
	Royal Red Cross (1st Class)	RRC	UK
	Distinguished Service Cross	DSC	UK
	Military Cross	MC	UK
	Distinguished Flying Cross	DFC	UK
	Air Force Cross	AFC	UK
	Royal Red Cross (2nd Class)	ARRC	UK
	Medal for Gallantry	MG	GH
	Bravery Medal	BM	GH
	Distinguished Service Medal	DSM	GH
	Public Service Medal	PSM	PM&C
	Australian Police Medal	APM	PM&C

Ribbon bar	Award name	Post nominal	Administered by
	Australian Fire Service Medal	AFSM	PM&C
	Ambulance Service Medal	ASM	PM&C
	Emergency Service Medal	ESM	PM&C
	Australian Corrections Medal	ACM	PM&C
	Australian Intelligence Medal	AIM	PM&C
	Medal of the Order of Australia	OAM	GH
	Order of St John ⁽³⁾		UK
	Distinguished Conduct Medal	DCM	UK
	Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	CGM	UK
	George Medal	GM	UK
	Conspicuous Service Medal	CSM	GH
	Australian Antarctic Medal ⁽⁴⁾	AAM	PM&C
	Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry	QPM	UK
	Queen's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry	QFSM	UK

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	Distinguished Service Medal	DSM	UK
	Military Medal	MM	UK
	Distinguished Flying Medal	DFM	UK
	Air Force Medal	AFM	UK
	Queen's Gallantry Medal	QGM	UK
	Royal Victorian Medal	RVM	UK
	British Empire Medal	BEM	UK
	Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service	QPM	UK
	Queen's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service	QFSM	UK
	Commendation for Gallantry		GH
	Commendation for Brave Conduct		GH
Insignia worn on Campaign Medal	Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct		UK
	Commendation for Distinguished Service		GH

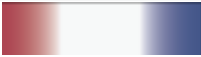






South African War

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

These medals were issued for service during the Boer War 1899 to 1902. They are no longer issued, and cannot be replaced. Replica medals can be purchased by searching "replica medals" online.

World War I

Medals for service in World War I were awarded by the Government of the United Kingdom following the end of the war. The issuing of these is administered by Defence.

Ribbon bar	Award name
	1914 Star
	1914–1915 Star ⁽⁵⁾
	British War Medal
	Mercantile Marine War Medal
	Victory Medal
	Naval General Service Medal 1915–1962 ^(6, 7)
	General Service Medal 1918–1962 ^(6, 7)

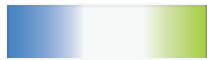
World War II

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Ribbon bar	Award name
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1939–1945 Star



Atlantic Star⁽⁸⁾



Air Crew Europe Star⁽⁸⁾



Arctic Star



Africa Star



Pacific Star⁽⁹⁾



Burma Star⁽⁹⁾



Italy Star



France and Germany Star⁽⁸⁾



Defence Medal



War Medal 1939–1945



Australia Service Medal 1939–1945

Post-World War II

Administered by Defence

The following medals listed include both Imperial and Australian Honours and Awards.

Ribbon bar	Award name



Australian Active Service Medal 1945–1975^(Z)



Korea Medal



United Nations Service Medal for Korea⁽¹⁰⁾



Naval General Service Medal 1915–1962^(6, Z)



General Service Medal 1918–1962^(6, Z)



General Service Medal 1962^(Z)



Vietnam Medal



Vietnam Logistics and Support Medal⁽¹¹⁾



Australian Active Service Medal^(Z)



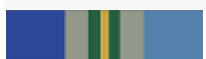
International Force East Timor Medal



Afghanistan Medal



Iraq Medal



Australian Service Medal 1945-1975



Australian General Service Medal for Korea



Australian Service Medal^(Z)



Australian Operational Service Medal (AOSM) [\(12\)](#)

Border
Protection



Greater Middle
East Operations



Special
Operations



CT/SR



Africa



Australian Operational Service Medal (CIVILIAN)



Rhodesia Medal

Administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Ribbon bar

Award name



Police Overseas Service Medal [\(7\)](#)



Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal [\(7\)](#)



National Emergency Medal





Civilian Service Medal 1939–1945



National Police Service Medal








Administered by the United Kingdom

Ribbon bar	Award name
	Polar Medal
	Imperial Service Medal




Coronation, Jubilee, Remembrance and Commemorative medals, (in order of date of receipt)

Administered by the United Kingdom

Coronation and Jubilee medals are administered by the United Kingdom and are given as gifts of the Sovereign.

Ribbon Bar	Award name
	King Edward VII Coronation Medal
	King George V Coronation Medal
	King George V Silver Jubilee Medal
	King George VI Coronation Medal
	Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal
	Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal
	Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal
	Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

Administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet




Ribbon bar	Award name
	80th Anniversary Armistice Remembrance Medal <i>administered by Defence</i>
	Australian Sports Medal
	Centenary Medal

Australian Long Service Medals


These medals are administered by Defence.

Ribbon bar	Award name
	Defence Force Service Medal
	Reserve Force Decoration – RFD
	Reserve Force Medal
	Defence Long Service Medal
	National Medal
	Australian Defence Medal
	Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal
	Champion Shots Medal

Long Service Medals (Imperial) ⁽¹³⁾

Ribbon Bar	Award name
	Royal Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
	Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
	Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

The above medals are an example of the type of Imperial efficiency and long service awards to be worn here.

Ribbon bar	Award name
	Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal <i>administered by Defence</i>
	Independence and Anniversary Medals (<i>in order of date of receipt</i>)
	Foreign Awards (<i>in order of date of authorisation of their acceptance and wearing</i>)

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. (The Life Saving Medal is worn on the right side.)
4. The Australian Antarctic Medal was known as the Antarctic Medal until 18 December 1997.
5. Recipients of the 1914 Star are not eligible for the award of the 1914–1915 Star.

6. The order of wearing of the Naval General Service Medal 1915–1962 and General Service Medal 1918–1962 (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.
7. Clasps to these medals should be worn on the ribbon in order of date of receipt.
8. 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.
9. Only one of these two Stars could be awarded to an individual. Those who 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Worn in order of date of qualifying service.
13. Refers to Imperial efficiency and long service awards.