

THE ORDER OF WEARING AUSTRALIAN HONOURS AND AWARDS

Adapted from Government House Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards dated 4 April 2002

The Governor-General directs that the positioning of awards, within the order of precedence in which Australian Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn, be notified for general information.

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.S208 of 17 June 1996.

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.

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THE SCHEDULE

VICTORIA CROSS (1)	VC
George Cross	GC
CROSS OF VALOUR	CV
KNIGHT/LADY OF THE GARTER	KG/LG
KNIGHT/LADY OF THE THISTLE	KT/LT
Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath	GCB
ORDER OF MERIT	OM
KNIGHT/DAME OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (2)	AK/AD
Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George	GCMG
KNIGHT/DAME GRAND CROSS OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER	GCVO
Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire	GBE
COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA	AC
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
KNIGHT/DAME COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER	KCVO/DCVO
Knight/Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire	KBE/DBE
Knight Bachelor (<i>NB: Confers title of "Sir" - no postnominals</i>)	
OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA	AO
Companion of the Order of the Bath	CB

Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George	CMG
COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER	CVO
Commander of the Order of the British Empire	CBE
STAR OF GALLANTRY	SG
STAR OF COURAGE	SC
Companion of the Distinguished Service Order	DSO
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS	DSC
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA	AM
LIEUTENANT OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER	LVO
Officer of the Order of the British Empire	OBE
Companion of the Imperial Service Order	ISO
MEMBER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER	MVO
Member of the Order of the British Empire	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 (3)	
Distinguished Conduct Medal	DCM
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal	CGM
George Medal	GM
CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL	CSM
AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDAL (4)	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, campaign medals, active service medals and service medals,

South African War

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

World War I

1914 Star
1914-15 Star (5)
British War Medal
Mercantile Marine War Medal
Victory Medal

Naval General Service Medal 1915-62 (6 & 7)
General Service Medal 1918-62 (6 & 7)

World War II

1939-45 Star
Atlantic Star (8)
Air Crew Europe Star (8)
Africa Star
Pacific Star (9)
Burma Star (9)
Italy Star
France and Germany Star (8)
Defence Medal
War Medal, 1939-45

AUSTRALIA SERVICE MEDAL 1939-45

Post-World War II

AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975 (7)

Korea Medal
United Nations Service Medal for Korea (10)

Naval General Service Medal 1915-62 (6 & 7)
General Service Medal 1918-62 (6 & 7)
General Service Medal 1962 (7)

VIETNAM MEDAL

VIETNAM LOGISTIC AND SUPPORT MEDAL (11)

AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL (7)

INTERNATIONAL FORCE EAST TIMOR MEDAL

AFGHANISTAN MEDAL

IRAQ MEDAL

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975 (7)

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL (7)

RHODESIA MEDAL

POLICE OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL (7)
HUMANITARIAN OVERSEAS SERVICE MEDAL (7)
CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1939-1945

Polar Medal

Imperial Service Medal

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

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
80th ANNIVERSARY ARMISTICE REMEMBRANCE MEDAL
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDAL
CENTENARY MEDAL

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 (12)

ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL SERVICE 1951-1972 MEDAL

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

Foreign Awards, (in order of date of authorisation of their acceptance and wearing)

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.
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 *1914-15 Star*.
6. 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*.

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. 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.
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. Refers to 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 awards shown in italics (Afghanistan and Iraq campaign medals and ADM) were not included on the original list.