

Eligible organisations for the *National Medal* as at 18 August 2009

ORGANISATION		APPROVAL DATE
Australian Defence Force (DFSA efficient service or DLSM qualifying service) <i>Subject to National Medal Regulations 21, 22, 23 and 25.</i>		14 February 1975 <i>Subject to National Medal Regulations 21, 22, 23 and 25</i>
SERVICE ORGANISATIONS		APPROVAL DATE
Australian police forces (sworn members)		14 February 1975
Australian fire services (members performing primary function)		14 February 1975
Australian ambulance services (members performing primary function) <i>Including the ambulance operations of the former Priory in Australia of the Order of St John.</i>		14 February 1975
the Australian Protective Service (members performing primary function) <i>Became an operating division of the Australian Federal Police on and from 1 July 2004.</i>		1 April 1986
Ambulance operations of St John Ambulance Australia (members performing primary function)		1 January 1987
Australian correctional services (members performing primary function) <i>Including Juvenile Custodial Officers in Western Australia only, on and from 1 July 1993.</i>		30 April 1987
Australian emergency services (members performing primary function)		30 April 1987
Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (regular police officers only) and PNG service organisations (members performing primary function) <i>Government fire service, ambulance service, correctional service or emergency service.</i>		Only service before 1 December 1973 <i>Subject to the National Medal Regulations, particularly regulation 24.</i>
APPROVED GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS	APPROVAL DATE	PERIOD OR COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR CALCULATING ELIGIBLE SERVICE
Former NSW Public Transport Commission Security Services (uniformed patrol officers and detectives).	30 April 1987	20 October 1972 to 30 June 1980
Investigation Branch of the former NSW State Rail Authority (uniformed patrol officers and detectives).	30 April 1987	1 July 1980 to 8 March 1988
NSW Police Special Constables who transferred from the Investigation Branch of the NSW State Rail Authority	9 March 1988	9 March 1988 to 25 May 1999

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APPROVED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS	APPROVAL DATE	PERIOD OR COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR CALCULATING ELIGIBLE SERVICE
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association Inc (Regular Operational Members and Provisional Operational Members).	28 April 2000	7 August 1970
Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol (Competent Crew)	3 July 2000	13 June 1963
The South Australian Sea Rescue Squadron Inc (Members with Operational Status)	14 August 2000	18 May 1962
Surf Life Saving Australia Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescue helicopter pilots; • Rescue helicopter aircrewmembers; • Jet/offshore rescue boat skippers; • Jet/offshore rescue boat drivers; • Jet/offshore rescue boat crewmembers; • Operational members of emergency response groups; and • Patrol Members who meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Annual proficiency test for the SLSA Bronze Medallion for each year of eligible service; and – Have completed at least 30 patrol hours in each year of eligible service. <p><u>Service by the following is ineligible:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Members; • Associate Members; • Probationary Members; • Award Members; • Cadet Members; • Junior Activity Members; and • Honorary Members. 	16 October 2000	18 September 1986
New South Wales Volunteer Rescue Association Inc <i>Including affiliated Norfolk Island rescue squad.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • search/rescue pilots/aircrew; • inshore/offshore search/rescue boat skippers/drivers; • inshore/offshore search/rescue crew; • inland search/rescue boat skippers and boat crew; • land-based operational search members; and • operational members of accredited specialist units performing search/rescue functions. <p><u>Service by the following is ineligible:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organisational or auxiliary members; • radio operators; and • first aid officers for community events. 	19 February 2001	4 July 1988

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The VMR Mornington Volunteer Marine Rescue Inc (Operational Members) <i>Until 15 February 2001 known as "Mornington Bay Rescue Service Inc"</i>	18 April 2001	5 February 1990
Central Queensland Helicopter Rescue Service (helicopter pilots and rescue helicopter aircrewmen)	19 May 2004	11 September 1996
Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland Inc (Operational Members) <i>Until 19 March 1996 known as "Air Sea Rescue Associations of Queensland Inc"</i>	23 March 2005	29 January 1990
Shepparton Search and Rescue Squad Inc (Active Members)	11 April 2007	28 November 1984