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## Ambulance Service Medal

The Ambulance Service Medal recognises distinguished service by the men and women of Australia's ambulance organisations.

### About the award

Along with the Emergency Services Medal, the Ambulance Service Medal was introduced into the Australian system of honours in 1999.

The Ambulance Services Medal was established on 7 July 1999 by Letters Patent.

### How it is awarded

The Governor-General awards the Ambulance Service Medal on the recommendation of the responsible Commonwealth, state and territory ministers.

The medal is awarded annually as follows:

- no more than one award each year for each 1000, or part of 1000, full-time permanent members of a state's ambulance service
- one award for each 5000, or part of 5000, part-time volunteers or auxiliary members in a state
- one award may be made each year for ambulance members in each of the ACT, NT and the combined external territories

The awards are announced on Australia Day (26 January) and the Queen's Birthday (June) of each year. Only one award can be made to an individual.

### Past recipient story

Mr Anthony Ahern's dedicated and enterprising service was formally recognised on 26 January 2005.

Mr Ahern joined the St John Ambulance Service in 1980 as an ambulance officer. He later took a lead role in developing the administrative and financial systems of the organisation.

Mr Ahern played a major part in enhancing the service's responsiveness through the introduction of practical new technology. He also contributes at a national level, helping to coordinate all Australian ambulance services' data.



### Medal design

The Ambulance Service Medal is circular and of silver and bronze tones. The front of the medal displays the Federation Star superimposed on a modified Maltese Cross, which is representative of ambulance services. This rests on a bed of Australian wattle.

The Federation Star is surrounded by twenty-four balls signifying the twenty-four hours per day the Ambulance Service is available to the community.

The back of the medal bears the inscription, 'For Distinguished Service'.

### Medal ribbon

The 32 millimetre-wide ribbon features a chevron or V-shaped pattern. The angles are derived from the open end of the arm of the cross. The chevrons are in alternate red, white, red, silver-grey.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

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INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

1999

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations are put forward by the responsible minister

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