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## Australian Service Medal

The Australian Service Medal recognises military and other service in prescribed peacekeeping and non-warlike operations.

### About the award

The Australian Service Medal was established on 13 September 1988 by Letters Patent but it is for service from February 1975.

The Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 is for service in prescribed peacekeeping or non-warlike operations in the 30-year period following World War II.

### How it is awarded

The Governor-General awards the Australian Service Medal on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or their delegate.

The medal is awarded with a clasp denoting the prescribed operation. Subsequent awards to the same person are made with an additional clasp.

The Governor-General has approved the following clasps for the award of the Australian Service Medal: Kashmir, Balkans (25/1/97-Present), Cambodia (8/10/93-4/10/99), Korea, Middle East, Sinai, Uganda, Gulf, Iran/Iraq, Peshawar, Guatemala, Ethiopia/Eritrea, Kuwait, Iraq, West Sahara, Somalia, Solomon Is, Solomon Is II, Haiti, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Irian Jaya, SE Asia, Special Ops, Bougainville and East Timor (Humanitarian 30/8/75-30/10/75, Faber 19/6/99-15/9/99, DCP 1/1/01-Present, Citadel 18/8/03-Present, Spire 20/5/04-Present), Sudan, Fiji 2006.

For an application form write to:

Directorate of Honours and Awards  
T-1-49  
Department of Defence  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Or phone the free-call number: 1800 111 321

### Medal design

The Australian Service Medal is a nickel-silver medal ensigned with the Crown of St Edward. The obverse features a modified shield of the Commonwealth Coat of Arms surmounted by the Australian Defence Australian Defence Force Joint Service emblem superimposed on meridians of longitude.



The reverse of the medal shows clusters of mimosa blossoms surrounding a Federation Star with the inscription 'For Service'.

### Medal ribbon

The medal ribbon has a central brown stripe symbolizing the earth. It is flanked by two stripes of dark green which in turn are flanked by stripes of light green, gold and silver-green.

Fast facts

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