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## Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975

The Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 recognises the service of Australian Defence Force and certain other persons in prescribed warlike operations such as the Korean War, the Malayan Emergency, the Indonesian Confrontation and the Vietnam War.

Another award entitled, Australian Active Service Medal, recognises service of Australian Defence Force and certain other persons in prescribed warlike operations from February 1975 onwards.

### About the award

The Prime Minister, the Hon. John Howard MP, announced the introduction of the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 in December 1997. The 30-year period covers numerous conflicts in Australia's region. Many Australians today are affected by their own or their loved ones' involvement.

### How it is awarded

The Governor-General awards the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or their delegate.

The medal has the clasps: Korea, Malaya, Malaysia, Thai/Malay, Thailand and Vietnam.

Veterans who have received or who are entitled to the Korea Medal, a General Service Medal for service in the Malayan Emergency 1948-1960 or the Indonesian confrontation 1962-1966, the Vietnam Medal and some categories of the Vietnam Logistics and Support Medal are eligible for the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975.

### Medal design

The Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 is a nickel-silver medal ensigned with the Crown of St Edward. The obverse has a Federation Star with the inscription 'The Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975'. The reverse has a wreath of [golden wattle](#) flanking a central horizontal panel.



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### Medal ribbon

The medal ribbon has a central red stripe flanked by yellow stripes which in turn are flanked by stripes of blue, green and purple.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

None

INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

December 1997

NOMINATIONS:

For an application form, write to:

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Recommendations are put forward by the Chief of the Defence Force.

### More information

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