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## Conspicuous Service Medal

The Australian Conspicuous Service Medal is awarded for meritorious achievement or dedication to duty, in non-warlike situations.

It is the second level award of the Conspicuous Service Decorations.

### About the award

The Conspicuous Service Medal and the Conspicuous Service Cross are distinctly Australian military awards.

The medal recognises commendable achievement or commitment to duty in a non-combative context. It is awarded to members of the Australian Defence Force and certain other people for example, defence force chaplains.

The Conspicuous Service Medal was established on 18 October 1989 by Letters patent.

### How it is awarded

The Governor-General makes the award on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence.

If the same person receives a further conspicuous service award it is in the form of a nickel-silver bar displaying the medal emblem. The bar is attached to the ribbon of the original award.

The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

The award is announced on Australia Day (26 January) and the Queen's Birthday (June) of each year.

### Past recipient story

Warrant Officer Sandra Wilson is one of over 600 recipients of the Conspicuous Service Medal.

She was awarded the medal in 1999 for exemplary service as Warrant Officer Operations and Plans at the Joint Movement Control Office in Darwin. This was during the time of the Australian Defence Force deployment to East Timor.



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### Medal design

The Conspicuous Service Medal is a circular nickel-silver medal 38 millimetres in diameter. It is ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver. The front of the medal bears the Southern Cross surrounded by a laurel wreath. The back of the medal has a horizontal panel that is superimposed on a design of fluted rays.

### Medal ribbon

The medal is suspended from a 32 millimetre wide ribbon, by a nickel-silver suspension bar. The ribbon has alternating equal-width, diagonal stripes of bush green and sandy gold.

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