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Defence Long Service Medal

The Defence Long Service Medal recognises 15 years diligent service by members of the regular and reserve forces.

About the award

The medal was established in 1998 on the recommendation of the 1994 Committee of Inquiry into Defence and Defence Related Awards.

The medal replaced three awards: the Defence Force Service Medal, the Reserve Force Decoration and the Reserve Force Medal.

Service that previously would have gone unrecognised when individuals moved between regular and reserve forces is acknowledged by the Defence Long Service Medal. It does not discriminate between ranks.

The Defence Long Service Medal was formally established on 26 May 1998 by Letters Patent.

How it is awarded

The Governor-General makes the award on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or his/her delegate.

Clasps may be issued for each subsequent 5 years diligent service.

The Defence Long Service Medal does not carry a post-nominal entitlement.

Medal design

The Defence Long Service Medal features the Australian Defence Force emblem surrounded by two sprays of wattle in blossom, which is the national floral emblem.

The back of the medal is inscribed with the words 'For service in the Australian Defence Force'.



Medal ribbon

The 32 millimetre-wide ribbon has a central panel of seven alternating stripes of azure-blue and gold. The central panel is flanked by two wider azure-blue stripes, which are edged with gold.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

There are no post-nominal entitlements

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NOMINATIONS:

The Chief of the Defence Force puts forward a recommendation.

More information

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