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## Nursing Service Cross

The Nursing Service Cross recognises outstanding performance of nursing duties in both operational and non-operational situations.

### About the award

The Nursing Service Cross was introduced in 1989. Prior to 1989 there was no specific award for Australian nurses.

They could be awarded the Imperial Royal Red Cross. About 250 Australian nurses received one of the two classes of the cross between the Boer War and the Vietnam War.

The Nursing Service Cross is awarded primarily to members of the Defence Forces.

### How it is awarded

The Nursing Service Cross is awarded by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence.

The Nursing Service Cross may be awarded posthumously.

### Past recipient story

Flight Lieutenant Stephen Crimston received the Nursing Service Cross for outstanding devotion to duty and tireless delivery of lifesaving care as a member of Operation Bali Assist Aeromedical Evacuation team in October 2002.

### Medal design

The Nursing Service Cross is a four-stepped sterling silver cross ensigned with the Crown of St Edward. The obverse bears a transparent red enamel cross insert overlaid on a flecked pattern radiating from the centre of the medal. The medal has a sterling silver suspender bar.



### Medal ribbon

The medal ribbon has a central red vertical band flanked by two white vertical bands and a further two vertical gold bands.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

NSC

INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

1989

### More information

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