



Defence Regulations 2026

I, the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 3 September 2026

Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Richard Marles
Minister for Defence

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Part 6—Defence honours and awards

37 Defence honours

- (1) For the purposes of the definition of *defence honour* in section 110T of the Act, each item in the following table specifies a *defence honour*.

Defence honours	
Item	Name of honour
1	Victoria Cross for Australia
2	Star of Gallantry
3	Distinguished Service Cross (Australia)
4	Conspicuous Service Cross
5	Nursing Service Cross
6	Medal for Gallantry
7	Distinguished Service Medal (Australia)
8	Conspicuous Service Medal
9	Commendation for Gallantry
10	Commendation for Distinguished Service

- (2) To avoid doubt, a reference to an honour in an item of the table in subsection (1) includes a reference to any form in which the honour may be awarded.

Note: Some defence honours may be awarded in the form of a bar (instead of as a medal, star, cross or commendation).

38 Defence awards

- (1) For the purposes of the definition of *defence award* in section 110T of the Act, each item in the following table specifies a *defence award*.

Defence awards	
Item	Name of award
1	Naval General Service Medal 1915–62
2	General Service Medal 1918–62
3	1939–45 Star
4	Atlantic Star
5	Air Crew Europe Star
6	Africa Star
7	Pacific Star
8	Burma Star
9	Italy Star
10	France and Germany Star
11	Defence Medal
12	War Medal, 1939–45

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Defence awards	
Item	Name of award
13	Australia Service Medal 1939–45
14	Australian Active Service Medal 1945–1975
15	Korea Medal
16	United Nations Service Medal for Korea
17	General Service Medal 1962
18	Vietnam Medal
19	Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal
20	Australian Active Service Medal
21	International Force East Timor Medal
22	Afghanistan Medal
23	Iraq Medal
24	Australian Service Medal 1945–75
25	Australian General Service Medal for Korea
26	Australian Service Medal
27	Australian Operational Service Medal
28	Rhodesia Medal
29	Defence Force Service Medal
30	Reserve Force Decoration
31	Reserve Force Medal
32	Defence Long Service Medal
33	Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal
34	Champion Shots Medal
35	Army Best Shots Medal
36	Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the RAAF
37	Royal Navy Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
38	Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve Decoration
39	Royal Navy Reserve Decoration
40	Royal Naval Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
41	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
42	Royal Fleet Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal
43	Meritorious Service Medal
44	Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Army)
45	Efficiency Decoration
46	Efficiency Medal
47	Meritorious Service Medal (RAAF)
48	Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (RAAF)
49	Air Efficiency Award
50	Cadet Forces Medal
51	Australian Defence Medal
52	Anniversary of National Service 1951–1972 Medal

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- (2) To avoid doubt, a reference to an award in an item of the table in subsection (1) includes a reference to:
- (a) any form in which the award may be awarded; and
 - (b) any clasp, accumulated service clasp, bar or accumulated service device that is related to or associated with the award.

Note: Some defence awards may be awarded in the form of a bar or clasp (instead of as a medal, star or decoration) or have a related or associated clasp, accumulated service clasp, bar or accumulated service device that is awarded to the recipient of the award.

39 Disclosure of information about honours and awards

Offence

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person discloses information; and
 - (b) the disclosure of information is not covered by subsection (2); and
 - (c) the information was obtained by the person as a member of the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal, or as a person assisting the Tribunal; and
 - (d) the information is part of or relates to an application for review of a reviewable decision (within the meaning of section 110V of the Act), whether or not the application has been decided.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

Permitted disclosure of information

- (2) The disclosure of information by a person is covered by this subsection if the disclosure of information is:
- (a) in the performance of the person's duties as a member of the Tribunal, or as a person assisting the Tribunal; or
 - (b) permitted or required by the Act or by procedural rules made under section 110XH of the Act; or
 - (c) the subject of an order under section 110XD of the Act; or
 - (d) only by or to the person to whom the information relates; or
 - (e) authorised by the person to whom the information relates.
- (3) To avoid doubt, for the purposes of subsection (1), the prosecution bears a legal burden of proving that the disclosure of information is not covered by subsection (2).