

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE AWARDS ENTITLEMENT, ELIGIBILITY, HOW TO APPLY AND PROUDLY WEAR AWARDS

NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE MEDAL (AUSTRALIAN AWARD)



Awarded for service as a 'sworn police officer' of an Australian police force. It can only be awarded to a person who served one day on or after 14.02.1975 (anyone who left prior to this date is not eligible).

A minimum of 15 years of diligent and ethical service is required to be considered for this award. **However, if an officer was discharged prior to 15 years of service due to an injury sustained in the direct execution of their policing duties (Hurt on Duty), they may also be considered for the award.**

HOW TO APPLY

This medal was initially issued to serving officers automatically from 30 October 2008 so if you were still serving after this date there should be one waiting for you somewhere so check with Protocol if you have never received it. Later it was back dated to 14.2.1975 so if you served anywhere between these two dates the individuals or posthumous application by their next of kin, including a statutory declaration & copy of the will proving you are the executor, has to be made for the medal to be approved and awarded.

The application for the award can be found on the NSW Police Force internet site, and also is attached. https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us/awards It can be sent to the NSW Police Protocol via email on retronpsm@police.nsw.gov.au or posted. If posted keep a copy for your records. The processing normally takes 5-6 months as it has to go to the Governor General for approval.

THE NATIONAL MEDAL (AUSTRALIAN AWARD)



The National Medal was established on 14 February 1975 as an original part of the distinctive Australian system of honours and awards. It recognises long and diligent service after 15 years' service by members of recognised government (Police Officers) and voluntary organisations that risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in enforcement of the law or in times of emergency or natural disaster.

Please note there is no application form for the National Medal. Once a person has qualified, the Commissioner who has responsibility to make nominations to the Governor-General would do so if appropriate. There is a clasp/bar awarded every 10 years after the initial award of the medal, at 25 years, 35 years etc. If you passed those milestones and have not been awarded the bar you may follow up on this as well.

HOW TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFIED

If you have not received this medal after 15 years' service contact Police Protocol and they can tell you if it has been processed for you and if so where it is located to have it awarded

to you. If it has not you can ask them if the application can be made in terms of the criteria.

If you served prior to 14 February 1975, you may have been entitled to the Police Long Service & Good Conduct Medal after serving 22 years. To then be entitled to later receive the new National Medal officers were required to do an additional 15 years in order to qualify for the National Medal. So, if you completed a total of 37 years' service, with 22 years before and 15 or more being after 14 February 1975, you could be eligible to be awarded the National Medal if you don't have it. Again, check with protocol. We have had one of our older members in this situation.

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE DILIGENT AND ETHICAL SERVICE MEDAL (NSW POLICE MEDAL)



The New South Wales Police Medal is awarded to sworn members and former sworn members of the New South Wales Police Force who have completed 10 years of diligent and ethical service.

The clasp/bar to the medal is awarded for each additional 5 years of diligent and ethical service. The medal was instituted on the 5th February 2002.

HOW TO APPLY

It was instituted in 2002 and processed automatically for serving officers. If you have not received this medal after 10 years' service from 2002 contact Police Protocol and they can tell you if it has been processed for you and if so where it is located to have it awarded to you.

It was made retrospective in 2007, so retired officers who left the force prior to 2002 are able to make an application for the award which can be found on the NSW Police Force internet site, and also is attached **which must be posted into Police Protocol**. (P988 Application form). https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/about_us/awards **Retrospective applications are not posthumous, and application can only be made by the retired officer.** Again, one member who left prior to 2002 has recently received it.

NSW POLICE OLYMPIC CITATION



"Employees who served during the Olympics & Paralympics were awarded the Commissioner's Olympic Citation, provided they were on duty and not on leave."

September 15–October 1, 2000 Olympics & 18 Oct 2000 – 29 Oct 2000 Paralympics.

HOW TO OBTAIN IT

If you were working during this period and you have not been awarded the citation you can contact your last station of service and speak to the Executive Officer about the issue of one. Or alternatively contact Police Protocol about having one issued to you. It would be on your service history if you have

not been awarded the citation and would show on your leave history that you were not on leave during that period.

COMMISSIONER'S SESQUICENTENARY (150 YEAR) CITATION



Only awarded to Police and Admin officers who were employed for at least one day between 1.3.2012 to 28.2.2013.

If you fit the criteria and have not received the Sesquicentenary Citation, contact NSW Police Protocol and you can have it awarded at an upcoming ceremony, one on one presentation or have it posted to you.



In addition, if you weren't serving at that time, but retired or medically retired there was a special Retired Police Pin created in 2012 for Retired Police Day. If you weren't able to attend and receive one, the Protocol Unit may have some left as was able to obtain 4 retired pins from Police Protocol in July 2020 to be awarded to MR RFP Branch members. You may be able to see if Protocol has any more left that they can issue. No guarantees there.

FINAL ROUND UP INFORMATION

So, depending on which ones you don't have and/or are eligible, you can apply for them via the Protocol Unit using the attached application forms, emailing or calling Kayla.

If you already completed the 10 or 15 year criteria for the medals before departing the NSW Police, I would suggest that you call the Protocol Unit and get them to check if you have already been awarded some of these as they may have been sent out to your last location of attachment and they may be sitting in a cupboard somewhere waiting to be given to you, depending if they have your current contact details. Or in the case of the National Police Service Medal if you left prior to 30.10.2008, and the NSW Police Medal if you left prior to 5.2.2002 you need to apply for both.

RECEIVING THE AWARDS

Note: When they are to be given to you or a next of kin, if you live in NSW it goes to the nearest Police District to be offered for awarding at a medal ceremony or they can be presented personally one on one by the Superintendent or Inspector or posted if you don't want to attend. If you live interstate, they are posted to your home address. However, if interstate and you want them to be presented at an award ceremony which is lovely to have former colleagues, family and friends attend you can ask the Protocol Unit to send them to a Police District near you on the border or to a location you are prepared to attend to be presented in an official ceremony.

I have had great assistance from Kayla Marshall at NSW Police Protocol in checking these issues out. Call her on 02 9265 4791 or email her on mars1kay@police.nsw.gov.au, although I have had good assistance from others at Protocol as well. Ph. 02 9285 3222.

LAST OF ALL WHEN YOU HAVE THEM, HOW YOU WEAR THEM

Full size medal placement daytime activities – This is the order.



Left side Over the heart - Medals issued by Australia.

From centre towards the arm.

Australian Police Medal
National Police Service Medal - White one with the blue and yellow stripe in the middle
National Medal - Blue and Yellow Stripes

If you have served in the armed forces any medals also go on the left side over the heart.



Right side - Medals issued by the State.

On Top pins such as Olympic Citations, Sesquicentenary pin.

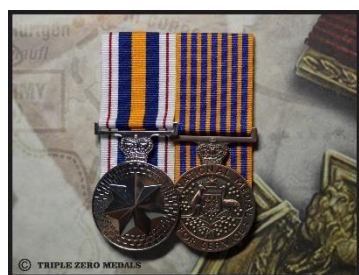
Medals underneath

From centre towards the arm.

NSW Police Medal - Light Blue Dark Blue
Commissioners Valour Awards
Commissioner Commendations

If it is the evening you wear your miniature medals.

COURT MOUNTING & HONOUR BOARDS



You can get your medals court mounted at a local medal shop, so they all sit neatly together, and you only have to do up one pin. Alternatively, one of our former officers Barry Doherty of Triple Zero Medals & Design on Facebook or Phone:0408230925 and 0425227959 does court mounting and honour boards.

Another recent inquiry was “I have my originals on my honour board and now want to wear them, what can I do?” Again, you can get duplicates from any medal shop or from Triple Zero Medals & Design.

Hope all of this information helps you determine if you have medals recognising your great service to the community in the NSW Police Force.