



DEFENCE INSTRUCTIONS (AIR FORCE)



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ADMIN 10-28 AMDT NO 1 Complete Revision	<i>The Australian Service Medal 1945-75</i> Remove existing Instruction, pages 1-2 Annex A to J, ISSUE NO 13/96 dated 2 AUG 96, and replace with attached pages. Update Table of Contents and List of Effective Pages	Revised Instruction

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THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75

INTRODUCTION

1. The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 was instituted in 1995, for award with distinctive clasps, to recognise military service in a prescribed peacekeeping or non-warlike operation for the period 1945-75 where recognition has not extended previously through an award.

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2. This Instruction provides guidelines on the policy and administration of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75.

DESIGN

3. The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 is a nickel-silver medal 38 millimetres in diameter ensigned with a Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver. The obverse bears a central device of the Australian Coat of Arms above a spray of wattle leaves and blossom, surrounded by the inscription 'THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975'. The reverse bears a central horizontal panel 25 millimetres across and eight millimetres high superimposed on a Federation Star with the same spray of wattle leaves and blossom used on the obverse between each of the seven points of the Star.

4. The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 is suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres wide, having a central gold stripe two millimetres wide flanked by two green stripes three millimetres wide, which are in turn flanked by two silver-grey stripes four millimetres wide, then on the extreme left as seen by an observer there is a dark blue stripe eight millimetres wide while on the extreme right there is a light blue stripe eight millimetres wide.

ISSUE OF CLASPS

5. The following clasps have been issued to the Australian Service Medal 1945-75:

- a. Japan
- b. Indonesia
- c. Middle East
- d. Berlin
- e. Kashmir
- f. Korea
- g. PNG
- h. Thai-Malay
- i. Thailand
- j. W New Guinea
- k. Far East Strategic Reserve

6. A member already in possession of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 for previous service elsewhere, and who satisfies the requirements for eligibility again in a different area will be awarded the appropriate clasp only.

7. Clasps are worn as an attachment to the medal. The award of a clasp or clasps is not to be denoted by the wearing of an emblem on the ribbon when ribbons alone are worn.

QUALIFYING SERVICE

8. The qualifying condition for the Clasps are detailed at Annexes A through J.

ADMINISTRATION

9. Eligible members may apply for their award by submitting a Standard Application through the normal chain of command to Air Force Headquarters (Directorate of Administrative Review - Air Force). The application should include details of qualifying service. Where claims are based on flying operations applications should be accompanied by certified true copies of log book entries with the relevant entries highlighted.

10. The Governor-General is the authority for the award and issue of the medal and/or clasp to entitled members.

Award of Medals and Clasps

11. Air Force Headquarters will issue the medal or clasp as appropriate to entitled members.

Issue of Ribbons

12. The ribbon will be supplied with the medal on presentation to entitled members.

Annexes:	A.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Japan`
	B.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Indonesia`
	C.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Middle East`
	D.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Berlin`
	E.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Kashmir`
	F.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Korea`
	G.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `PNG`
	H.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Thai-Malay`
	I.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `Thailand`
	J.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `W New Guinea`
	K.	The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp `FESR`

Related Orders, Instructions and Publications

Nil

Key Words

Award Medal

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THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75 WITH CLASP 'FESR'

1. The Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'FESR' was authorised in June 1996 for participation by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Far East Strategic Reserve between 2 July 1955 and 30 October 1971 during such periods as those ships were formally allocated or assigned to the Far East Strategic Reserve.

Eligibility

2. Members who fulfill the conditions of qualifying service as detailed below are eligible for the award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'FESR'.

Qualifying Service

3. Conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'FESR' for the prescribed operation are:

- a. the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the prescribed operation for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
- b. the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the prescribed operation while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force; and
- c. the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature while assigned for duty with the military contribution in the prescribed operation.