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## **Schedule—Amendments**

### *Ambulance Service Medal Regulations*

#### **1 Subregulations 3(4) to (8)**

Repeal the subregulations, substitute:

- (4) The Governor-General may determine, in writing, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, the number of awards of the Medal for each of the following:
  - (a) a State in a calendar year;
  - (b) the Australian Capital Territory in a calendar year;
  - (c) the Northern Territory in a calendar year;
  - (d) all of the external Territories in a calendar year.
- (5) The Prime Minister must not make a recommendation under subregulation (4) in relation to the number of awards of the Medal unless:
  - (a) for each of the States—the number of awards for a calendar year is broadly proportionate to the State's share of the total members of the ambulance services, or combined ambulance services, across all of the States; and
  - (b) at least one Medal may be awarded for a calendar year to each of the following:
    - (i) the Australian Capital Territory;
    - (ii) the Northern Territory;
    - (iii) all of the external Territories.
- (6) The number of awards of the Medal under this regulation for a State, a Territory or all of the external Territories for a calendar year must not exceed the number specified in, or worked out in accordance with, a determination under subregulation (4) in relation to the State, the Territory or all of the external Territories for that year.

#### **2 After regulation 3**

Insert:

#### **3A Conditions for additional award of the Medal—COVID-19 pandemic**

- (1) The Medal may be awarded for service in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic to a person eligible for the award of the Medal under regulation 3.
- (2) An award of the Medal in accordance with this regulation may only be made in the 5-year period commencing on 25 January 2020 or, if the Governor-General determines a further period, such further period.
- (3) The Governor-General may, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, determine a further period, not exceeding 3 years, for the purposes of subregulation (2).
- (4) The Governor-General may, under subregulation (3), determine a further period more than once. However, each period of extension must not exceed 3 years.
- (5) To avoid doubt, an award of the Medal in accordance with this regulation does not count towards a limit in subregulation 3(6).