

# Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Antarctic Medal

**as amended**

made under

**Letters Patent**

This compilation was prepared in January 2023 taking into account amendments to the *Australian Antarctic Medal Regulations - 2011*.

## Schedule

### Short title [see note 1]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Antarctic Medal Regulations.

### Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—  
“Medal” means the Australian Antarctic Medal and includes a clasp, or clasps, to that Medal;  
“Minister” means the Minister of State for the time being responsible for Antarctic scientific policy and research.

### Design of the Medal

3. The design of the Medal shall be as prescribed.

### Conditions of award of Medal

4. (1A) In this Regulation—  
**relevant Antarctic expedition** means an Antarctic expedition that:  
(a) is an Australian Antarctic expedition; or  
(b) includes an individual who represents an Australian government agency or an Australian institution.  
(1) The Medal may be awarded to an individual who has given outstanding service in scientific research or exploration, or in support of such work, in relation to a relevant Antarctic expedition.  
(2) An additional clasp to a Medal may be awarded from time to time to the recipient of a Medal who has given further outstanding service of the kind referred to in sub-regulation (1).  
(3) Except in exceptional circumstances, the recipient of a Medal shall not have worked for less than 12 months in the Antarctic climate south of latitude 60° South or elsewhere in the Antarctic region where the rigours of Antarctic climate and terrain prevail.  
(4) The Medal may be awarded posthumously.

### Awards

5. (1) An award of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General and notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*.  
(2) The Medal shall not be awarded except upon the nomination of the Minister.  
(3) The Minister shall appoint a Committee to consider nominations for the Medal and to make recommendations to the Minister.

### Wearing of the Medal

6. The manner of wearing the Medal shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

### Designation of holder of the Medal

7. Recipients who are awarded the Medal after 2 June 1987 are entitled to have the letters ‘AAM’ placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

### Register of Awards

8. (1) There shall be a Registrar of awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded.  
(2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

## Cancellation & reinstatement

9. (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award of the Medal to a person and may restore an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register kept for the purpose of regulation 8 and that person shall return the Medal to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled is restored, the Registrar shall restore the entry in the Register that had been erased under subregulation (2).

## Notes to the Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Antarctic Medal

### Note 1

The *Regulations Governing the Award of the Australian Antarctic Medal* (in force under *Letters Patent*) as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

### Table of Instruments

Title	Date of notification in gazette	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
Regulations Governing the Award of the Antarctic Medal	24 June 1987 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1987, No. GN8)	2 June 1987	—
Amendments of the Regulations Governing the Award of the Antarctic Medal - 1997	11 Aug 1998 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1998, No. S395)	18 Dec 1997	[This amendment changed the citation.]
Amendments to the Australian Antarctic Medal Regulations - 2011	22 Feb 2012 (see <i>Gazette</i> 2011, No. S19)	13 Dec 2011	—

### Table of Amendments

ad. = added or inserted | am. = amended | rep. = repealed | rs. = repealed and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
Title	am. 1997
R. 1	rs. 1997
R. 2	am. 1997
R. 4	am. 2011
R. 7	rs. 1997
R. 8	rs. 1997
R. 9	ad. 1997