

HOME OFFICE

COMMITTEE ON THE GRANT OF
HONOURS DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

ROYAL WARRANT

Amending and Consolidating the Royal Warrant
Dated 1st June 1954
Instituting

**THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LONG SERVICE
and GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL**

And Revoking the Royal Warrant
Dated 4th August 1990

Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State
For the Home Department by Command of Her Majesty
Dated 11th March 2022

THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ROYAL WARRANT

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS We, being desirous of honouring those who have rendered long and meritorious service as members of the Fire and Rescue Services of the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, did by Warrant dated 1 June 1954, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Medal to be designated and styled "The Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal".

AND WHEREAS We have from time to time amended the said Warrant and are desirous of further amending the rules and ordinances governing the Award of the said Medal and of consolidating the Warrants relating to the said Medal, We do hereby direct that the Award of the said Medal is to be governed by the following rules and ordinances.

Style

1. The Medal, formerly designated and styled "The Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal", is henceforth to be designated and styled "The Fire and Rescue Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal".

Description

2.—(1) The Award is in cupronickel, in the form of a circular Medal, bearing on the obverse the Crown Effigy of the Sovereign and on the reverse the inscription "For Exemplary Fire and Rescue Service" with a design showing two firefighters handling a hose.

(2) The Thirty Years of Service Clasp and the Forty Years of Service Clasp are in cupronickel bearing the inscription "Long Service, Thirty Years" and "Long Service, Forty Years" respectively.

Ribbon

3. The Medal is to be worn on the left side attached by means of a suspending bar to a ribbon one and a quarter inches in width, which is in colour red, with on either side a yellow stripe on which is superimposed a narrow stripe of red. The Thirty Years of Service Clasp and the Forty Years of Service Clasp are to be attached to the ribbon.

Eligibility

4.—(1) Those eligible for the Award, and for the Clasps, are full-time and part-time members of all ranks or roles in the following Fire and Rescue Services:-

- (a) Fire and Rescue Services maintained by Fire and Rescue Authorities in England and Wales;
- (b) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- (c) the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service;
- (d) Aerodrome, and Spaceport, Rescue and Fire Fighting Services maintained by Government Departments, by Local Authorities, by the Scottish Ministers, by the Welsh Ministers, by public airport companies established under the Airports Act 1986, by private entities and individuals, or jointly by any such authorities, bodies, entities, or individuals, as the case may be;
- (e) Fire and Rescue Service Control Centres maintained by private entities and employed by, or in the service of, Fire and Rescue Services maintained by Fire and Rescue Authorities in England and Wales;
- (f) Fire and Rescue Services maintained by Government Departments;

- (g) Fire and Rescue Services maintained by private entities or individuals and employed by, or in the service of, Government Departments, or Fire and Rescue Services maintained jointly by Government Departments and private entities or individuals, as the case may be, including the Defence Fire and Rescue Service;
- (h) Fire and Rescue Services in the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

(2) In order to be eligible for the Award, members of the Fire and Rescue Services listed in paragraphs (1)(d) to (g) must have duties and responsibilities similar to the duties and responsibilities of eligible members serving in the Fire and Rescue Services maintained by Fire and Rescue Authorities in England and Wales, in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and in the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

(3) Members of the Fire and Rescue Services listed in subsection (1), who are temporarily serving on secondment in Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue, in Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate in Scotland, or as an Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales are eligible for the Award.

Qualifying Service

5. –(1) The qualifying period requisite for the Award is twenty years of Qualifying Service.

(2) The qualifying period requisite for the Thirty Years of Service Clasp is thirty years of Qualifying Service.

(3) The qualifying period requisite for the Forty Years of Service Clasp is forty years of Qualifying Service.

(4) Qualifying Service includes full-time or part-time service, or an aggregate of full-time and part-time service, whether continuous or interrupted, by members of all ranks and roles, in one or more of the following Fire and Rescue Services:

- (a) One or more of the Fire and Rescue Services listed in section 4 (eligibility);
- (b) Fire Brigades and Fire and Rescue Services which were maintained by Local Authorities in England, Wales, or Scotland, by the Scottish Ministers, by a Fire Authority in Northern Ireland, or by the Northern Ireland Department of Health, but which are no longer in existence;

(c) Fire Brigades and Fire and Rescue Services which were maintained or employed by, or in the service of, Government Departments, but which are no longer in existence;

(d) Fire and Rescue Services, and Aerodrome, or Spaceport, Rescue and Fire Fighting Services which were maintained by the former British Airports Authority up to the first day of August 1986, by BAA plc, by the Civil Aviation Authority, by Government Departments, by Local Authorities, by the Scottish Ministers, by the Welsh Ministers, by public airport companies established under the Airports Act 1986, by private entities and individuals, or jointly by any such authorities, bodies, entities, or individuals, as the case may be, but which are no longer in existence;

(5) In order to be treated as Qualifying Service, service by members of the Fire and Rescue Services listed in paragraphs (4)(c) and (d) above must entail duties and responsibilities similar to the duties and responsibilities of eligible members serving in the Fire and Rescue Services maintained by Fire and Rescue Authorities in England and Wales, in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, and in the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

(6) Qualifying Service also includes:

(a) full-time or part-time service, or an aggregate of full-time and part-time service in:

(i) Fire and Rescue Services in British overseas territories,

(ii) Government Departments, and

(iii) Our Armed Forces,

whether on secondment, on recall, or when called upon to serve, which interrupted, and was continuous with, other Qualifying Service;

(b) full-time or part-time service, or an aggregate of full-time and part-time service, whether continuous or interrupted, as a Fire Service Instructor at central training establishments of the Home Office and at the Fire Service Training School of the Scottish Home and Health Department;

(c) full-time or part-time service, or an aggregate of full-time and part-time service, whether continuous or interrupted, by members of the Fire and Rescue Services listed in this section or in section 4 (eligibility), serving on secondment:

- (i) in the Home Office Fire Service Inspectorate,
- (ii) in the Scottish Home and Health Department Fire Service Inspectorate,
- (iii) in Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue,
- (iv) in Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate in Scotland, or
- (v) as an Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services in Wales

(7) Qualifying Service which is counted towards the qualifying period for the award of the Fire and Rescue Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, or Clasps, may not also be counted for the award of the Imperial Service Medal, or of any other official Long Service Medal or Clasp.

(8) Qualifying Service may be paid or unpaid.

(9) Service in the Auxiliary Fire Service is not to be treated as Qualifying Service.

Certificate of efficiency

6. –(1) No person shall be recommended for the Medal or Clasps unless such a person

- (a) has completed the qualifying period of service requisite for the Award or Clasps, and
- (b) it is certified by a Chief Fire Officer or by an Assistant or Deputy Chief Fire Officer, or by an officer whose duties and responsibilities are equivalent to those of a Chief Fire Officer, as the case may be, that the person's character and conduct have been very good.

(2) Candidates for the Award are to be put forward by a Chief Fire Officer or by an Assistant or Deputy Chief Fire Officer, or by an officer whose duties and responsibilities are equivalent to those of a Chief Fire Officer, as the case may be.

(3) If the candidate is a Chief Fire Officer or an eligible member of a Fire and Rescue Service whose duties and responsibilities are equivalent to those of a Chief Fire Officer, then:

- (a) the candidate is to be put forward, and
- (b) the candidate's character and conduct must be certified to be very good

by the chair, or equivalent body or person, of the appropriate authority maintaining the Fire and Rescue Service of which the candidate is a member.

Registration

7. The names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded, and the names of all those to whom the Thirty Years of Service Clasp and the Forty Years of Service Clasp are awarded, are recorded by the Department of Atomic Energy (1 June 1954 to 31 July 1954), the Ministry of Defence, the Department for Transport, the Home Office, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, as the case may be.

Name of recipient

8. The name of the recipient is to be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medal.

Order of Wear

9. In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn the Fire and Rescue Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is placed after the Military Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Miniatures

10. Reproductions of the Medal, known as miniature Medals, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, are approximately half the size of the Fire and Rescue Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Miniature Thirty Years of Service Clasps and Forty Years of Service Clasps may be worn with the miniature Medals by those to whom the Clasps are awarded. A sealed pattern of the miniature Medal, and miniature Clasps, is to be kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Delegated Powers

11. Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant are vested in Our Lord President of the Council, Our Secretary of State for Defence, Our Secretary of State for the Home Department, Our Secretary of State for Transport, Our Scottish Ministers, Our Welsh Ministers, and Our Northern Ireland Department of Health, within their respective jurisdiction, as the case may be.

Other awards

12. It is a condition of the award of the Medal in any Fire and Rescue Service that the grant of any unofficial or local long service or good conduct medals for wear in such Service is to be discontinued, and that any unofficial or local long service medals, if already granted, must not be worn by a recipient of Our Fire and Rescue Service Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Forfeiture and restoration

13. It is competent for Our Lord President of the Council, Our Secretary of State for Defence, Our Secretary of State for the Home Department, Our Secretary of State for Transport, Our Scottish Ministers, Our Welsh Ministers, and Our Northern Ireland Department of Health, as the case may be, within their respective jurisdiction, to cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal or Clasps on any person and also to restore a Medal or Clasps which have been so forfeited.

Revocation of Warrant

14. The Warrant of the fourth day of August 1990 is hereby revoked.

Annulment, & c., of rules and ordinances

15. We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the [XXX]; In the [XXX]Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Appendix

SCHEDULE OF EXISTING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE ISLE OF MAN AND THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, IN WHICH THE MEDAL IS GRANTED, SHOWING THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES WHICH HAVE DELEGATED POWERS TO MAKE AWARDS.

1. Ministry of Defence

Ministry of Defence Fire and Rescue Services.

2. Home Office

Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services;

Combined Local Authority Fire and Rescue Authority;

Police Fire and Crime Commissioners Fire and Rescue Authority;

London Fire Brigade;

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority;

Fire and Rescue Service Control Centres;

Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service;

Fire Services in the Channel Islands.

3. Department for Transport

Aerodrome, and Spaceport, Rescue and Fire Fighting Services.

4. Scottish Ministers

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

5. *Welsh Ministers*

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service;

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service;

North Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

6. *Northern Ireland Department of Health*

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.