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<b>Summary</b>
This circular informs FRAs of revisions to the entitlement to Fire and Rescue Long Service and Good Conduct (LSGC) medals, which take effect from 11 March 2022.

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## **Introduction**

1. This circular is to inform Fire and Rescue Authorities of revisions to the Fire and Rescue Long Service and Good Conduct (LSGC) medals. The revisions follow a new Royal Warrant which has been approved by Her Majesty the Queen.

## **Background**

2. The Fire Brigade LSGC Medal is awarded by Her Majesty the Queen, who has stated that she is desirous of honouring those who have rendered long and meritorious service as members of the Fire Brigade in the United Kingdom. The Royal Warrant, in defining the conditions of the Award, provide that those eligible shall be members of all ranks in the Fire Brigades or Aerodrome Fire Service maintained by the government in England, Wales and Scotland.
3. To date, the qualifying period needed for the award of the medal is a minimum of 20 years full-time or part-time service in one of those Fire Brigades. No person may be recommended for the medal unless it is certified that their character and good conduct have been very good.

## **Amendments**

4. The Fire and Rescue Service warrant has been updated to recognise 30 and 40-years' of service, with new long service clasps, which are to be worn on the ribbon of the existing 20-year medal. The warrant has also been amended to clarify the eligibility of certain categories of firefighter, which now include firefighters working at airports and airfields and those working in control.
5. The Fire and Rescue Services' are encouraged to undertake the necessary steps to ensure that 30 and 40-years' of service clasps are awarded to eligible recipients.

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