

**Reprint
as at 8 October 1971**



The Queen's Fire Service Medal
(SR 1955/21)

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Royal Warrant

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 His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in consideration of the good services rendered by officers of the Constabulary Forces and by persons serving in fire brigades within His Dominions and in Territories under His Protection or Jurisdiction and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons, and being desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of His Royal Favour did by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated 7 July 1909 institute a new Medal to be awarded for such services as aforesaid:

And Whereas We are desirous of having separate Medals for members of fire services and for members of police forces We are graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following Statutes

Note

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

for the governance of the Decoration to be awarded to members of fire services:

Firstly—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled “The Queen’s Fire Service Medal”.

Secondly—It is ordained that the Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with the effigy of the Sovereign on the obverse, and shall bear on the reverse a design emblematic of protection from danger and the words “For Gallantry” or “For Distinguished Fire Service” as the case may be, and on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal has been awarded.

Thirdly—It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded only to those of Our Faithful Subjects and Others who have either performed acts of exceptional courage and skill at the cost of their lives, or exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty, as members of a recognised fire brigade or service within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Our Channel Islands, Our Island of Man, any of Our Colonies or any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction not being administered by Us in Our Government in any other part of Our Commonwealth, or within any other part of Our Commonwealth Our Government whereof has signified its desire that the Medal should be awarded under the provisions of this Our Warrant to members of any such brigade or service within such part, or within any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction being administered by Us in such Government; and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by either Our Secretary of State for the Home Department or Our Secretary of State for Scotland, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, by the appropriate Minister of State for that country.

Clause 3: amended, on 8 October 1971, by Royal Warrant (The Queen’s Fire Service Medal) (SR 1974/247).

Fourthly—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and that a Register thereof shall be kept in the Office of Our Secretary of State for the Home Department, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, of the appropriate Minister of State for that country. Such Register shall show the name and rank of the person holding the

Medal, the brigade or service of which that person is or was a member and the circumstances in which the Medal has been awarded.

Fifthly—It is ordained that the Medal shall be suspended from the left breast, and the riband, of an inch and three eighths in width, shall be red with a narrow yellow stripe on either side and a similar yellow stripe in the middle; and in the case of awards for acts of exceptional courage each yellow stripe of the riband shall contain a thin dark blue line down the middle; and a recipient of the Medal (or of either of its predecessors, namely The King's Police Medal and The King's Police and Fire Services Medal) shall be entitled, on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, to have placed after his or her names the letters "QFSM" (or, "KPM" or "KPFMSM", as appropriate).

Clause 5: amended, on 8 October 1971, by Royal Warrant (The Queen's Fire Service Medal) (SR 1974/247).

Sixthly—It is ordained that any act of gallantry worthy of recognition by the award of The Queen's Fire Service Medal which is performed by one upon whom the Decoration or either of its predecessors (namely The King's Police Medal and The King's Police and Fire Services Medal) has already been conferred may, on a recommendation to Us by either Our Secretary of State for the Home Department or Our Secretary of State for Scotland, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, the appropriate Minister of State for that country, be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the Medal is suspended.

Clause 6: amended, on 8 October 1971, by Royal Warrant (The Queen's Fire Service Medal) (SR 1974/247).

Seventhly—It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by an Order under Our Sign Manual, and on a recommendation to that effect by either Our Secretary of State for the Home Department or Our Secretary of State for Scotland, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, the appropriate Minister of State for that country, to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above Decoration or either of its predecessors and that thereupon the name of that person in the Register shall be erased. Provided that it shall be competent for

Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore any Decoration which may have been so forfeited when such recommendation has been withdrawn. And every person to whom the Decoration is awarded for distinguished service shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the Medal if his or her name shall be erased as aforesaid.

Clause 7: amended, on 8 October 1971, by Royal Warrant (The Queen's Fire Service Medal) (SR 1974/247).

Eighthly—It is ordained that either Our Secretary of State for the Home Department or Our Secretary of State for Scotland, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, the appropriate Minister of State for that country, may make Regulations for the carrying into effect of this Our Royal Warrant.

Clause 8: amended, on 8 October 1971, by Royal Warrant (The Queen's Fire Service Medal) (SR 1974/247).

All previous Warrants issued in this behalf are hereby revoked except in so far as they are already revoked.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the Nineteenth day of May,
1954; In the Third year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

David Maxwell Fyfe.

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Notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of The Queen's Fire Service Medal. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the warrant as at 8 October 1971, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, *see* <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 *Status of reprints*

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 *How reprints are prepared*

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint
(most recent first)*

Royal Warrant (The Queen's Fire Service Medal) (SR 1974/247)
