

The Queen's Ambulance Service Medal (QAM)

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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 Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, To all to whom these Presents shall come:

Greeting!

WHEREAS, WE are desirous of recognising those who have rendered distinguished service and devotion to duty as members of the NHS Ambulance Service (or state equivalent) of the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal and We do hereby direct that it shall be governed by the following rules and ordinances:-

First: Style. - It is ordained that The Medal shall be designated and styled "The Queen's Ambulance Service Medal for Distinguished Service".

Secondly: Description. - It is ordained that the Award shall be circular in form and in silver, bearing on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of The Sovereign, and on the reverse the inscription "For Distinguished Ambulance Service", and a design emblematic of the Ambulance Service.

Thirdly: Name of Recipient. – It is ordained that the name of the recipient shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medal.

Fourthly: Ribbon. - It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn by recipients on the left breast suspended on a ribbon one-and-a-quarter inches in width of which shall be in [colour pale green with a narrow central stripe of silver and narrow silver stripes at either edge].

Fifthly: Eligibility. - It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded only to those of Our Faithful Subjects and Others who are in all ranks of the NHS Ambulance Service (or state equivalent) in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands who shall have rendered such devotion to duty and exemplary service over a prolonged period in the NHS Ambulance Service (or state equivalent) as shall have been of particular value to Our said Services and constituted an outstanding example to others.

Sixthly: Order of Wear. - It is ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals shall be worn, The Queen's Ambulance Service Medal, for Distinguished Service shall be placed after The Queen's Fire Service Medal, for Distinguished Service.

Seventhly: Post Nominal Letters. - It is ordained that the award of the Medal shall entitle the recipient, on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, to have placed after his or her name the letters "QAM".

Eighthly: Miniatures. — It is ordained that reproductions of the Medal, known as miniature medals, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of The Queen's Ambulance Service Medal for Distinguished Service, and a sealed pattern of the miniature medal shall be kept in the Department of Health.

Ninthly: Registration. – It is ordained that the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be published in the London Gazette and that a central Register thereof shall be kept in the Department of Health or equivalent representative State Departments for Health in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Tenthly: Presentation. — It is ordained that the Medal will be presented at an Investiture in accordance with custom.

Eleventhly: Delegated Powers. – It is ordained that delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant shall be vested in Our Secretary of State for Health, Our Secretary of State for Scotland, Our Secretary of State for Wales, Our Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Our Secretary of State for Justice, as the case may be.

Twelfthly: Regulations. — It is ordained that Our Secretary of State for Health, Our Secretary of State for Scotland, Our Secretary of State for Wales, Our Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Our Secretary of State for Justice, as the case may be shall jointly make the Regulations for the carrying into effect of this Our Royal Warrant.

Thirteenthly: Forfeiture and Restoration. — It is ordained that it shall be competent for Our Secretary of State for Health, Our Secretary of State for Scotland, Our Secretary of State for Wales, Our Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Our Secretary of State for Justice, as the case may be, in relation to the NHS Ambulance Service or State equivalent within their respective jurisdiction, to cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal on any person and also to restore a Medal which has been so forfeited.

Lastly: Annulment – We reserve to Ourself, 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 of St James's this eleventh day of the seventh month 2011 in the fifty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

ANDREW LANSLEY



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