

# Memorandum

<b>To:</b> Club and Branch Presidents. Secretaires and CEOs
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<b>Subject:</b> Emergency Services Medal (ESM) Nominations (Due Friday 30 July 2021)

## SUMMARY

Nominations are being sought for SLSNSW members who would be eligible for an Emergency Services Medal (ESM). Branches are requested to liaise with their respective Club Presidents to identify potential candidates and complete the [online nomination form](#). This needs to remain confidential and as such, likely candidates are not to be informed of their nomination.

## INTRODUCTION

The ESM was introduced in July 1999 and is held in the same regard as the AFSM (Australian Fire Service Medal), APM (Australian Police Medal) and ASM (Ambulance Service Medal). Recipients are recognised for:

*“distinguished service by members of emergency services across Australia, and people who are involved in emergency management, training or education”*

<https://pmc.gov.au/government/its-honour/emergency-service-medal>

As a gazetted emergency service, SLSNSW is now eligible to receive this significant award. SLSNSW is entitled to submit a maximum of five (5) nominations for the ESM, though this is subject to conditions and variables.

## AWARD CRITERIA

The ESM recognises distinguished service by members of emergency services across Australia, and people who are involved in emergency management, training or education.

Eligible members should meet the following criteria:

- Be serving /sworn members within the associated primary service (ambulance, fire, police, emergency, public service, corrections, intelligence), and no more than 12 months since retirement.
- Be in occupations that primarily provide services to the community, particularly in times of emergency or disaster (policy advice has been that these occupations are inherently more hazardous than most others and these awards were established for this reason). I.e. ‘frontline’.
- Have recent frontline service – within the last couple of years.
- Be eligible members who formerly worked on the frontline with prolonged exposure to hazard in the service of the community, and who are now using their frontline experience to support others on the frontline.

NOTE: Management or administrative personnel who have not had exposure to hazards during their career are not eligible. Other forms of recognition, including the Public Service Medal or the Order of Australia Awards may be more appropriate.

Nominations should include diligent and meritorious service provided to Surf Life Saving at a Club, Branch, State, National or International level.



## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

It is requested that each Branch President liaise with their respective Club Presidents to identify potential candidates. Nominations are to be submitted by Branches via the [online nomination form](#) only no later than midday on **Friday 30 July 2021**. By submitting, Branches are endorsing these nominations.

In accordance with NSW government departmental conditions, nominations for the ESM cannot be submitted to the Department of Premier and Cabinet by individuals, clubs or branches. They must be centrally collated, endorsed and submitted by Surf Life Saving NSW.

Each submission will require a **300-word** response which needs to encapsulate how the nominee meets the criteria specified above. Specifically, it must include length of service and be explicit in providing details of experience.

SLSNSW have established a new interim committee titled SLSNSW ESM Nominations Committee to review all nominations received and provide recommendations to the SLSNSW Board for endorsement.

**Please note that the candidates should not be informed of their nomination.**

Successful nominees will be contacted prior to any official announcements, providing adequate time to prepare for the relevant ceremony.

Should anyone have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on 02 9471 8035 or via email [cbevis@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:cbevis@surflifesaving.com.au).

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