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## **PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL CRITERIA**

Dear Chief Fire Officer/Commissioner,

### **SUMMARY**

This letter provides detailed criteria and advice on the eligibility for the award of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal to Fire and Rescue Service personnel.

### **CRITERIA**

Emergency services personnel that have been in paid service, retained or in a voluntary capacity, dealing with emergencies as part of their conditions of service, and have completed 5 full calendar years of service on 6 February 2022.

**The medal will be worn on the left breast, after the UN/NATO/Campaign Medals and before Long Service and Good Conduct medals and in date order with all other Coronation or Jubilee Medals.**

The medal or medal ribbon may not be worn until entitlement has been confirmed and, subsequent to that, the medal may not be worn prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

### **CRITERIA EXPLAINED**

Those who will qualify for receipt of the medal, and the associated eligibility criteria, will be as follows:

- **All emergency service personnel** in the Fire and Rescue Service who are in paid service on Sunday 6 February 2022, and have completed five full calendar years' service, and were properly attested on or prior to Tuesday 7 February

2017. The total of five years' qualifying service may be aggregated, but unpaid or broken service will not count. There is, however, no limit on the amount of unpaid or broken service provided that the correct overall total of five years' aggregated service is fully accounted for. In calculating the length of service, no deductions or pro-rata arrangements will apply for personnel who work or have worked reduced hours or those who have worked retained or voluntary, they will be considered as though they have worked the full hours. In addition, the following qualifying criteria will apply:

- Emergency service personnel in the Fire and Rescue Service on secondment-out will also qualify for the medal. Fire and Rescue Services will be responsible for ensuring that their seconded-out personnel are included in their orders for medals.
- Emergency service personnel in the Fire and Rescue Service who are retained or act in a voluntary capacity for the Fire and Rescue Service will be eligible.
- Emergency service personnel in the Fire and Rescue Service subject to formal disciplinary procedures on 6 February 2022, which could result in dismissal or requirement to resign, will have their eligibility determined once the outcome of those procedures is known. If the disciplinary action results in dismissal or requirement to resign, and no appeal against that outcome is upheld, the personnel will not receive the medal. In all other outcomes, the personnel's eligibility will be determined in accordance with the normal criteria.
- Serving emergency service personnel in the Fire and Rescue Service on unpaid service on 6 February 2022 will be eligible for the medal but the periods of unpaid service will not count towards the five years' qualifying criteria.
- Dealing with emergencies. Defined as being called to the scene of 999 response calls and personnel who are potentially placing themselves in danger.

### **Aggregated Service**

Aggregated service will be taken into account. For those, who have less than five years'

service with the Fire and Rescue Service, may have previously served as a member of the Armed Forces or as a member of another eligible Emergency Service, or operational Prison Service. Providing the personnel was in service on 6 February 2022, and their aggregated service amounted to more than five years, then he or she will be eligible for the medal. The officer would, however, need to apply for the medal, and would be invited by their Fire and Rescue Service to provide proof of their previous service.

Previous equivalent service in: Northern Ireland, Wales or Scotland; or Crown Dependencies, British Overseas Territories and Commonwealth countries where the Queen is Head of State, and where the Government whereof has signified that the medal shall be awarded; will also count towards eligibility. The onus will be on the personnel to provide evidence of service in these areas.

No other equivalent decoration, award or medal (including foreign or Commonwealth) may be worn to commemorate the Accession of Her Majesty The Queen.

Qualifying service shall only count **once** towards eligibility.

**The medals will not be presented.** Medals will be issued, when available, to recipients including those who have left the service since 6 February 2022 and to the next of kin of those eligible personnel who have since deceased.

Each Fire and Rescue Service will retain a record of the issue of the medal and the individual recipient in sufficient detail to enable the list to be cross-referenced to personnel files.

Each Chief Fire Officer/Commissioner must identify all eligible members and notify the Home Office by e-mailing:

**FB.medals@homeoffice.gov.uk**

of the number of medals required by **5 February 2021**.

In addition, please provide a name and address of someone that will be able to take delivery of the medals in 2022.

In light of the current economic climate, it is imperative that Fire and Rescue Services provide as accurate an estimate as possible of how many medals are needed. Please note however that once the order for the Fire and Rescue Services medals is placed and filled, the placing of further orders is not envisaged.

There will be no appeal against a decision that a fire and rescue service personnel is not eligible to receive the medal.