

AWARD OF THE PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA FOR AUSTRALIAN SERVICE DURING THE MALAY EMERGENCY AND INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA

INTRODUCTION

Earlier this year the Government of Malaysia made an offer to confer a special medal of service to eligible current and former Australian Servicemen and women appreciation of their service in Malaysia with the Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve from Independence to the end of Confrontation over the period 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966 (this is extended by the Malaysian Government from 12 August 1966 as a 'cooling off period'). This will also include around 40 former members of the Australian Army who were recruited by the Government of the Federation of Malaya to serve as Lieutenants in the Malayan Police Force.

The Malayan Emergency and the Indonesian Confrontation were the two most significant conflicts for Malaysia following the end of World War II. During the period of the Confrontation, however, Australian troops also carried out operations on and around the Malay/Thai Border region in the pursuit of smugglers and bandits.

Australia and Malaysia enjoy a long-standing and valuable defence relationship. Acknowledgment of the contribution made by Australian men and women to the security of Malaysia and the region is valued highly by the Malaysian Government.

As the PJM is a foreign award, the Department of Defence will be acting as an agent for the Malaysian Government. In all possible circumstances, senior representatives from the Malaysian Government will present medals personally to recipients, including next of kin in cases of posthumous awards. For this to occur, names and addresses of applicants will need to be supplied to the Malaysian Government. In accordance with Australian privacy regulations, provision is made on the application form for an applicant to elect not to have this information passed on. Arrangements will be made for these to be separately dispatched to the recipient by Australian Defence officials.

The Australian Government has developed the eligibility provisions below to accord with the criteria for the medal as set out by the Malaysian Government. Any representations made directly to the Malaysian Government from ex-Service groups or individuals to vary the criteria will be referred to the Australian Government for response.

The Directorate of Honours and Awards will receive applications, verify the service and eligibility and facilitate the approval of the award. A specially designed application is available for this purpose.

ELIGIBILITY

There are two categories of eligibility that will be assessed by the Department of Defence and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for eligibility for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia. These are as follows.

Category One:

- a. Those members of the Australian Defence Force who were on the posted strength of a unit or formation and served in the prescribed operational area of Malaysia and Singapore, in direct support of operations in Malaysia for 90 days or more, in the aggregate, as follows:

- (1) Malaysia during the period 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966 inclusive;
or
- (2) Singapore during the period 31 August 1957 and 9 August 1965 inclusive.

Qualifying service between 12 August 1966 and 31 December 1966 may only apply if a member was posted for operations to Malaysia on or before 12 August 1966.

The prescribed operational of Malaysia and Singapore is the landmass of East Malaysia (that is: the States of Sabah and Sarawak on the Island of Borneo), the Malay Peninsula and the Island of Singapore extending to 12 nautical miles seaward from the coast of these areas.

- b. Those members of the Australian Defence Force who were on the posted strength of a unit or formation outside of the prescribed operational area above, but served in a secondary role in indirect support of operations in Malaysia for 180 days or more, in the aggregate, during the period 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966 inclusive.

The secondary role is seagoing service with HMA Ships patrolling outside of the operational area whilst allotted to Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve.

- c. Those Australian citizens who served in a civilian law enforcement capacity (police, home guard or security services) in the prescribed operational area of Malaysia only, in direct support of operations in Malaysia for 90 days or more, in the aggregate, during the period 31 August 1957 to 31 December 1966 inclusive.

Notes:

1. Sorties from bases outside of the operational area as prescribed at a. above will not qualify. Only service by those on the posted strength of bases in Malaysia and Singapore, and in cases where the sorties have been mounted from those bases, will qualify.
2. Service may be aggregated in relation to a. and b. above. This is calculated on the basis that service of one day in the operational area is one day towards qualification for the medal and service of two days in the secondary role is calculated as one day, all towards an aggregate of 90 days. For example, a person who has 10 days service in the operational area and 160 days service in the secondary role, will qualify for the medal on the basis of $10 + (160 \div 2) = 90$.

Category 2:

Qualifying service during the period 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966 inclusive, as described in Category One, may be deemed to have been established notwithstanding a member of the Australian Defence Force has not met the qualifying period described if service was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

General:

- There will only be one award of the medal to a person unless otherwise advised. Should the medal be lost or destroyed, it will not be replaced at public expense.

- Individual applications made directly to the Malaysian Government for an award of the medal will be referred back to the Australian Department of Defence for an assessment and verification of service.
- Applications for those Australian citizens who served in a civilian law enforcement capacity will be forwarded to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for validation. Once satisfied that service has been validated or attested to, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will seek the Governor-General's approval of acceptance and wearing of the award.

PINGAT JASA MALAYSIA



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Application for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia

Instructions for completion

About the Pingat Jasa Malaysia

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Categories of eligibility

Category 1

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Verification of service

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Instructions on how to complete this form

- Please use BLOCK letters only.
- Please complete the entire form and provide details of ALL service in the prescribed area.
- Copies of this form may be downloaded from the Honours and Awards section of: www.defence.gov.au/dpe

Please forward completed forms to the following address:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
T-1-49
Department of Defence
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Ph: 1800 111 321

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Personal details

Rank	Family name	Given name(s)	
Family name served under <i>(If different from above)</i>		Given name(s) served under <i>(If different from above)</i>	
Rank on discharge	Branch of service <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force	Service number(s)	
Date of birth	Home phone number	Work phone number	Mobile phone number
Postal address			State
			Postcode

Details of service in the prescribed area *(Please provide details of all periods of service in the prescribed area)*

Country	Dates served	Ship, unit or squadron

Previous awards

Have you previously been awarded medals for service in relation to Malaya between 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966?
 Yes *(Please specify below)* No

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<input type="checkbox"/> Naval General Service Medal 1914 - 1962 with Clasp 'MALAYA'	<input type="checkbox"/> General Service Medal 1962 with Clasp 'BORNEO'	<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Active Service Medal 1945 - 1975 with Clasp 'THAI-MALAY'
<input type="checkbox"/> General Service Medal 1918 - 1962 with Clasp 'MALAYA'	<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Active Service Medal 1945 - 1975 with Clasp 'MALAYA'	<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Service Medal 1945 - 1975 with Clasp 'FESR'
<input type="checkbox"/> General Service Medal 1962 with Clasp 'MALAY PENINSULA'	<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Active Service Medal 1945 - 1975 with Clasp 'MALAYSIA'	<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Service Medal 1945 - 1975 with Clasp 'SE ASIA'

Administrative arrangements with the Malaysian High Commission of Australia

The *Pingat Jasa Malaysia* is a Foreign Award, and does not fall within the Australian Awards system. The Department of Defence will verify service and coordinate approval for wearing by the Governor-General. The medals themselves will be presented/issued by the Malaysian Government. In order for this occur, lists of names and addresses of all recipients of the *Pingat Jasa Malaysia* will be provided to the Malaysian High Commission in Australia for them to arrange for formal presentation.

Please tick this box if you **do not** want your name and address to be provided to the Malaysian Government.

Also, if you are planning a holiday in Malaysia (at your own expense), presentation of the *Pingat Jasa Malaysia* can be organised in-country. If this is the case, please attach details of your trip, and the dates you plan to be in Malaysia.

Declaration

I declare that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of applicant	Date

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Instructions on how to complete this form

- Posthumous and unclaimed Medals or Awards for deceased ex-serving members will be issued in accordance with the order of entitlement as follows:
 - (a) Beneficiary under Will
 - (b) Widow or Widower
 - (c) Son or Daughter
 - (d) Stepson or Stepdaughter
 - (e) Grandson or Granddaughter
 - (f) Father or Mother
 - (g) Brother or Sister
 - (h) Half-brother or Half-sister
 - (i) Nephew or Niece
 - (i) Other person named as Next of Kin in official records
- This form must be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace or other authorised person. A full list of these persons is provided on the following page titled 'Certification of Documents'.
- Applications will be processed in order of receipt and are subject to verification by the Department of Defence (See 'Documents required for verification of service'.)
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Certification of Documents

The *Application for the Posthumous Issue of the Pingat Jasa Malaysia* is a Statutory Declaration, and so must be certified by a Justice of the Peace or other authorised person.

A Statutory Declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* as amended may be made before:

Part 1 - Members of certain professions

- Chiropractor
- Dentist
- Legal practitioner
- Medical practitioner
- Nurse
- Patent attorney
- Pharmacist
- Veterinary surgeon

Part 2 - Other persons

- Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public;
- Australian Consular Officer, or Australian Diplomatic Officer, (within the meaning of the Consular Fees Act 1985);
- Bailiff;
- Bank officer with five or more continuous years service;
- Building Society officer with five or more years of continuous service;
- Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court;
- Civil marriage celebrant;
- Clerk of a court;
- Commissioner for Affidavits;
- Commissioner for Declarations;
- Credit union officer with five or more years of continuous service;
- Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this part;
- Judge of a court;
- Justice of the Peace;
- Magistrate;
- Master of a court;
- Member of the Australian Defence Force who is an officer; or a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with five years or more continuous service; or warrant officer within the meaning of that act;
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountant;
- Member of the Institute of Corporate Managers, Secretaries and Administrators;
- Member of the Institute of Engineers, Australia, or other than at grade of student;
- Member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or the Parliament of a State; or a Territory legislature; or a local government authority of a State or Territory;
- Minister of religion registered under Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*;
- Notary public;
- Permanent employee of the Commonwealth or of a Commonwealth authority; or a State or Territory authority; or a local government authority; with five or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this Part;
- Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with five or more years continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public;
- Person before whom a Statutory Declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made;
- Police Officer;
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, or a court;
- Senior Executive Service officer of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory, or of a Commonwealth, State or Territory authority;
- Sheriff;
- Sheriff's officer; or
- Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution.

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- This Statutory Declaration may only be completed by the person who believes they have the highest legal claim in accordance with the order of entitlement shown in the list contained in the instructions.
- All deletions or corrections are to be initialled.

I, (Full name) _____
Insert the title and full name of the person making the declaration

of, (Full address) _____

Postcode _____ Telephone (Include area code) _____

do solemnly and sincerely declare:

That I wish to apply for a posthumous issue of the *Pingat Jasa Malaysia* in respect of the following deceased ex-member:

Rank or title	Family name	Given name(s)	
Rank on discharge	Service number(s)	Date of birth	Date deceased
Branch of service <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force		Dates served in Malaya and surrounding area (If known) (Dates must fall between 31 August 1957 and 12 August 1966 inclusive)	

Previous awards

Did the deceased ex-member receive any awards for service in relation to Malaya between 31 August 1957 and 31 December 1966?

Yes (Please specify below) No Uncertain

<input type="checkbox"/> Naval General Service Medal 1914 - 1962 with Clasp 'MALAYA'	<input type="checkbox"/> General Service Medal 1962 with Clasp 'BORNEO'	<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Active Service Medal 1945 - 1975 with Clasp 'THAI-MALAY'
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I declare that I am (Relationship*) _____ to the above deceased ex-member.

**Insert title of relationship from instructions*

and believe that I am the person entitled to receive the *Pingat Jasa Malaysia*. I further undertake that, should an applicant having a preferential claim come forward in the future, I will surrender the medal in his or her favour, and hereby indemnify the Commonwealth of Australia against any claim arising from the incorrect award of the medal.

I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in Statutory Declarations, conscientiously believing the statements in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signature of person making the declaration _____

Declared at _____ on the _____, 20 _____

before me,

Signature of the person before whom the declaration is made _____

Title of the person before whom the declaration is made _____