



Designations and Insignia Ordinance

as amended

made under section 30 of the

Constitution of the Order of Australia

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Ordinance (dated 17 August 1993)

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Short title (see Note 1)

- 1 This Ordinance may be cited as the Designations and Insignia Ordinance.

Interpretation

- 2 (1) In this Ordinance, “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Order of Australia.
- (2) Unless the contrary intention appears, an expression used in the Constitution and in this Ordinance has the same meaning in this Ordinance as in the Constitution.

Designations of members of the Order of Australia and of holders of the Medal of the Order of Australia

- 3 A member of the Order of Australia or a person awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia is entitled —
- (a) in the case of a Knight or Dame — to use the title “Sir” or “Dame”, as the case may be, before his or her name;
 - (b) in the case of a Knight or Dame, or honorary Knight or Dame —
 - (i) to have the letters “AK” or “AD”, as the case may be, placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (ii) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Knights of the Order or Dames of the Order, as the case may be;
 - (c) in the case of a Companion, or honorary Companion —
 - (i) to have the letters “AC” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (ii) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Companions of the Order;
 - (d) in the case of an Officer, or honorary Officer —
 - (i) to have the letters “AO” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (ii) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Officers of the Order;
 - (e) in the case of a Member, or honorary Member —
 - (i) to have the letters “AM” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (ii) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for Members of the Order;
 - (f) in the case of the holder of the Medal of the Order —
 - (i) to have the letters “OAM” placed after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary; and
 - (ii) to wear as a decoration the prescribed insignia for holders of the Medal of the Order.

- 4 (1) A person, previously appointed to the Order at the level of Member or Officer in either the General Division or in the Military Division who is subsequently appointed to a higher class of membership in the same Division, shall place after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, the letters of the higher award only.
- (2) A holder of the Medal of the Order in either the General Division or in the Military Division who is subsequently appointed to the Order at any level in the same Division, shall place after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, the letters of the higher award only.
- 5 (1) A person, previously appointed to the Order at the level of Member or Officer in either the General Division or in the Military Division who is subsequently appointed to a higher class of membership in the other Division, may identify the two awards by placing after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, the letters of both awards adding explanatory parentheses to the lower award, for example AC, AO (Mil).
- (2) A holder of the Medal of the Order in either the General Division or in the Military Division who is subsequently appointed to the Order at any level in the other Division, may identify the two awards by placing after his or her name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary, the letters of both awards adding explanatory parentheses to the lower award, for example AM, OAM (Gen).

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Notes to the Designations and Insignia Ordinance

Note 1

The Designations and Insignia Ordinance (in force under section 30 of the *Constitution of the Order of Australia*) as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

Table of Instruments

Title	Date of notification in <i>Gazette</i>	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
Designations and Insignia Ordinance	15 Apr 1986 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1986, No. S167)	12 Mar 1986	
Changes to the Designations and Insignia Ordinance	19 Aug 1993 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1993, No. S256)	17 Aug 1993	—

Table of Amendments

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ad. = added or inserted am. = amended rep. = repealed rs. = repealed and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
S. 4.....	ad. 1993 No. S256
S. 5.....	ad. 1993 No. S256
