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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY 2022 AUSTRALIAN HONOURS

We are seeking nominations for the Australian Honours Meritorious Service Awards, including the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) and Emergency Services Medal (ESM).

These prestigious awards recognise outstanding and distinguished service and DFES operational personnel and volunteers may be eligible to be nominated.

Criteria and eligibility for both awards have recently been updated by the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat to ensure consistency with relevant Meritorious Awards regulations.

The updated criteria now require nominations to outline the significant or outstanding contribution the nominee has made to the community or organisation through:

- Prolonged exposure to a hazard or demonstration of exceptional skills in one or more emergency incidents;
- Significant deployments in emergency situations, and/or;
- Implementation and facilitation of programs or innovations that directly supports and provides enduring benefit for frontline personnel.

New eligibility now includes the requirement for nominees to have recent frontline service with a high level of hazard experience and no more than 12 months since retirement.

For details on the criteria, eligibility and how to submit a nomination visit the [DFES Intranet](#) or [Volunteer Hub](#)

AFSM and ESM nominations for the Queen's Birthday 2022 Australian Honours must be emailed to rewards@dfes.wa.gov.au by **Wednesday 3 November 2021**.

Nominations received after this date will be considered for the Australia Day 2023 Australian Honours.

If you have any questions regarding the nominations process, please email the Honours and Awards Officer at rewards@dfes.wa.gov.au.



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I encourage you to acknowledge a colleague who is truly worthy of recognition at this prestigious level.

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