

CFA Honours and Awards

Changes to CFA Service Awards (Junior Service)



The CFA Honours & Awards Committee along with the CFA Chair is pleased to advise the formal approval to have junior service retrospectively recognised in total length of service for the purposes of the CFA Service and Life Membership awards.

Following significant discussion and investigation, this approval enables changes in the way in which members with junior service receive recognition.

From 1 April 2017, current members who have accurate CFA junior membership records in the CFA database (RMS) will have their junior service recognised as eligible service for CFA Service and Life Memberships awards.

This important change will ensure that CFA retains a consistent and quality approach to recognising the significant contribution our members make over an extended period of time, and reflects the request from our members and VFBV to consider the recognition of junior service as part of the total length of member's service.

Please find the attached Frequently Asked Question sheet regarding the implementation plan.

Further information on CFA Honours and Awards please refer to the CFA Honours and Awards Manual which is available on Brigades Online.

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For any questions or feedback please send via email: cfa-awards@cfa.vic.gov.au or by phone 9262 8842.



Frequently Asked Questions

From 1 April 2017, CFA junior service will be retrospectively included within eligible service for the purposes of the CFA Service and Life Membership awards, for current CFA members.

1. Will junior service be retrospectively included?

Yes, all current CFA members that have junior service history will have this service retrospectively included.

2. I was a junior member; however the service isn't included within my history. Can this be updated?

Yes, current members who have inaccurate junior membership records in the CFA database (RMS) will be required to provide formalised evidence to their relevant District office. Evidence may be in the form of a statutory declaration, or in Brigade documents verified by the Brigade Secretary or Captain. Upon receipt of documentation District will amend records in RMS.

3. Will award sets be posted out to members who have junior service?

No, members who are eligible for progressive award milestones where additional service is recognised shall receive this award at a subsequent function as per the requirements in the CFA Honours and Awards Manual.

4. Do members continue to wear their currently awarded service award?

Yes, members with existing service awards are advised to wear them until their next award is presented, after which the newly awarded medal will replace the existing one (to be worn in the same position).

5. Are junior members still eligible for the *CFA Certificate of Recognition*?

Yes, junior members who have completed more than four years' service and are resigning or transferring to the senior brigade will still be eligible for the *CFA Certificate of Recognition*, as per page 21 of the CFA Honours and Awards Manual.

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6. Will junior service be included for the purposes of the National Medal?

No, junior service will not be included for the purposes of the National Medal as the service needs to be from persons that "risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in enforcement of the law or in times of emergency or natural disaster".

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