



THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA (Queensland Branch)

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A GUIDE TO THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND GOLD BADGE OF MERIT

1. The highest award that may be made by the League to a person who is not a member of any class of membership, is a Certificate of Merit and Gold Badge.
2. Such an award shall not be made to a person who is eligible to apply to become a member of any class of membership of the League save and except that this clause shall not apply to a person who is a member of an Auxiliary.
3. Such an award shall only be made to a person if, in the opinion of a National Congress or the National Executive, such person has rendered outstanding service to the League, ex-service personnel or their dependants.
4. The procedure to be followed by State Branches and Sub-Branches in making nominations for awards of Certificates of Merit and Gold Badge shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive.
5. The maximum number of such awards that may be made in any financial year shall be determined from time to time by the National Congress.

As this is the highest award a member of an RSL Auxiliary may receive from the League, it is obvious that the person who has been nominated would already have received the 'Life Membership and Gold Badge - Auxiliary'.

The award would be made to a person who has continued to render outstanding service well beyond those years which were 'qualifying years' for the Life Membership award. There is no written period of eligibility but taking the RSL 'LM/GB' and 'MSM' as a comparative example, LMGB has a qualifying period of 15 years continuous membership during which the member must have rendered outstanding honorary services for a minimum of ten years. The MSM requires 30 years continuous and 25 years outstanding service.

The Life Membership for the Auxiliary is 10 years continuous membership and 7 years outstanding service. Therefore, it could be expected that a further 7 years of outstanding service could be a requisite for the National Certificate of Merit.

RSL Auxiliary
Citation for the Award of

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT & BADGE

National By Law 17.

Surname:		Christian Names:	
Address:			
Suburb:		P/Code:	
Phone:		:	
RSL Sub Branch Include details of when and where Membership was held and Date of Commencement for Continuous Membership			
Life Membership (Year when the Member received the Award for Life Membership of the Auxiliary)			
Office Held			
Activities			
Fund Raising			
Welfare			
Community Service			
(if needed attach an extra page if more space is required)			

General Remarks	
Auxiliary Comments	
President (Print & Sign)	Secretary (Print & Sign)
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Sub Branch President Comments	
President (Print & Sign)	Secretary (Print & Sign)
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District Recommendation	
District President Date:	
Print, Sign & Date	