



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### The Army Remembrance Pin

#### ***Background:***

During World War One, the Mother's and Widow's Badge was issued to the mother and/or widow of all members of the Australian Imperial Force and the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force who had been killed-in-action, died of wounds or other causes while on active service. During World War Two the Badge design was modified and further issued to the mother and/or widow of a member of the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Imperial Force, Royal Australian Air Force or Merchant Navy.

With the end of World War Two hostilities the issuing of a badge to the families of deceased members ceased. The Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force introduced their own form of a 'Bereavement Pin' in 2007 and 2006 respectively for deaths occurring in service.

In the tradition of acknowledging the sacrifices of families of Army's Service men and women who have died in service, and to recognise their inclusion in the wider Army family, the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison, AO, announced the introduction of the Army Remembrance Pin on 7 May 2015.

#### ***What is the Army Remembrance Pin?***

The Army Remembrance Pin is a symbol for the families of Army Servicemen and women who have died while in service. The Army Remembrance Pin is a gift from the Chief of Army and demonstrates Army's deep appreciation of the members' and their families' contributions to the Australian Army.

It is for these reasons the term 'Remembrance' has been chosen as a more suitable term for the Army Remembrance Pin.

#### ***Who is eligible to receive the Army Remembrance Pin?***

The following family members of an Army members who has died in service, are eligible to receive the Army Remembrance Pin on application:

- Spouse or CDF Recognised Interdependent Partner;
- Children, including stepchildren; and
- Parents and/or stepparents.

#### ***I am not automatically eligible for the Army Remembrance Pin, can I still apply?***

The Army recognises that family compositions and relationships can at times be complex. A person who is not listed as an eligible family member may apply to have special consideration to receive the Army Remembrance Pin. These applications will be considered by the Approval Authority on a

case-by-case basis. In support of their application, applicants are to provide a statement that fully details the nature of their relationship to the deceased member.

***There are no surviving eligible family members of the deceased member. Can the Army Remembrance Pin still be issued?***

Where there are no living eligible family members, the authorised holder of the deceased member's medals may submit an application to be issued the Army Remembrance Pin. The applicant is required to provide a Statutory Declaration as part of their application, verifying that the applicant is the authorised holder of the deceased member's original medals.

***Why is the Army Remembrance Pin only available to specific people?***

The Chief of Army wished to carry on the tradition of the Mother's and Widow's Badges issued during World Wars One and Two. As such, the Army Remembrance Pin recognises the significant contributions of particular family members of the deceased member. The Army Remembrance Pin is intended as a family keepsake to be handed down through the generations to ensure the memory of the member continues.

***What service will be considered retrospectively for the issue of the Army Remembrance Pin?***

The Army Remembrance Pin will be available to be issued retrospectively to the families of full-time and active reserve Army members who have died while in service from 03 September 1945, irrespective of the cause of death.

***Is the Army Remembrance Pin only available for deaths that have occurred while on operations?***

No. The Army Remembrance Pin is available for issue to eligible family members for all deceased Army members, irrespective of the cause of death, providing the death occurred while in service. The member must have been either a full-time or active reserve member of the Australian Army at the time of their death. The death does not have to directly relate or be attributable to the service.

***How do I apply for the Army Remembrance Pin?***

Family members who believe they are eligible to receive the Army Remembrance Pin are requested to complete form *AE606 – Application for the Army Remembrance Pin*, located on the Army website: [www.army.gov.au/Army-life/Honours-and-Awards/Army-Remembrance-pin](http://www.army.gov.au/Army-life/Honours-and-Awards/Army-Remembrance-pin)

Application forms can be emailed directly to: [army.remembrancepin@defence.gov.au](mailto:army.remembrancepin@defence.gov.au) or sent by mail to:

**Army Remembrance Pin**  
R1-3-A051  
PO Box 7901  
CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

**Note:** Applications for the Army Remembrance Pin are to include a certified 'True Copy' of the deceased member's Certificate of Service.

### ***What proof of relationship and service do I need to provide?***

Further information on the required proof of relationship and service is detailed in the application form. [www.army.gov.au/Army-life/Honours-and-Awards/Army-Remembrance-pin](http://www.army.gov.au/Army-life/Honours-and-Awards/Army-Remembrance-pin)

### ***How can I obtain a copy of the deceased member's Certificate of Service?***

Certificates of Service for deceased members can be obtained on application to the Defence Archive Centre. The following is a link to the Defence Service and Personnel Records webpage which contains details on how to apply for service records, including a Certificate of Service.

<http://www.defence.gov.au/Records/>

**Note:** Please ensure you read all of the instructions prior to completing the application for service records to ensure you have supplied all relevant information and supporting documentation.

### ***How long will my application for the Army Remembrance Pin take to process?***

The Army expects to receive a large volume of applications following the introduction of the Army Remembrance Pin. Army will work to process applications within a two month period of acknowledging receipt of an application. As the number of received applications reduces, it is expected that processing of applications will take four to six weeks from acknowledging receipt of an application.

### ***Can someone apply for the Army Remembrance Pin on my behalf?***

Army acknowledges that the loss of a loved one is an emotional time for family members and as such, eligible family members can nominate a representative to apply for the Army Remembrance Pin on their behalf.

The application form *AE606 – Application for the Army Remembrance Pin* provides a section to nominate a family representative. If you wish a representative to apply on your behalf please complete the appropriate Statutory Declaration attached to the application form identifying your nominated family representative and sign, authorising them to act on your behalf. This authorises the representative to complete the application form on your behalf.

The authorised representative is to complete the application form ensuring their details are provided at Section B. Each eligible family member is to be identified at Section C.

**Note:** The signed Statutory Declaration must be attached to the application form when submitting.

### ***I have children who are eligible for the Army Remembrance Pin, how do I apply for them?***

If you are the parent or guardian of a child or children who are eligible to receive the Army Remembrance Pin, you can apply for the Army Remembrance Pin on their behalf.

When completing the application form *AE606 – Application for the Army Remembrance Pin*, please complete Section B identifying yourself as the parent or guardian, and then identify each of the

eligible children at Section C. If you are eligible for the Army Remembrance Pin, please ensure you identify yourself at Section C also.

The application form is to include a certified 'True Copy' of each child's birth certificate.

**Note:** Eligible children over the age of 18 will need to complete their own application form or sign the Statutory Declaration authorising a representative to act on their behalf.

***How will I receive the Army Remembrance Pin?***

The application form *AE606 – Application for the Army Remembrance Pin* allows applicants to choose between having the Pin dispatched to the nominated contact address by mail, or where practicable, to be presented by a current serving member of the Australian Army from a unit within the applicant's area.

Where an eligible applicant has requested presentation of the Army Remembrance Pin, Army Headquarters will identify a suitable presenting officer and the applicant will be advised by mail of the outcome of their application and the details of the presenting officer. The Army Remembrance Pin will be dispatched to the presenting officer who will contact the applicant directly and organise a time and location for presentation.

Presentations are intended to be a private activity between the Australian Army and the recipient.

**Note:** Presentation by a member of the Australian Army is subject to the availability of a suitable person, as well as the operational and training commitments of units. Where a presentation is not possible, the applicant will be advised and the Army Remembrance Pin will be dispatched by mail.

***How will the Army Remembrance Pin be issued to the families of deceased members from recent operations?***

Army Headquarters will be working with the families of the deceased members of recent operations to organise presentation at an appropriate time.

***How will the Pin be issued for deaths that occur in service after 7 May 2015?***

For deaths occurring in-service after 7 May 2015, the Army Remembrance Pin will become part of the unit process for supporting funeral arrangements. The deceased member's unit will be responsible for submitting a request to Army Headquarters identifying eligible family members. The unit will then be responsible for arranging presentation to eligible family members at a suitable time.

***What happens if I lose or damage my Pin?***

Replacement Army Remembrance Pins will be considered in the event of the Pin being lost as the result of theft, fire or natural disaster. Eligible members are to submit a request for a replacement Army Remembrance Pin using form *AE606 – Application for the Army Remembrance Pin*. The application is to include documentary evidence, such as a police report or certificate of loss issued by an insurance company, and is to be accompanied by the appropriate Statutory Declaration supplied with the application form.

***Will the Army Remembrance Pin be available for purchase?***

No. The Army Remembrance Pin will not be available for purchase. The Army Remembrance Pin is a gift from the Chief of Army and intended as a family keepsake to be handed down through the generations to ensure the memory of the member continues.

***What does the Army Remembrance Pin look like?***

The Army Remembrance Pin is 22mm in diameter and produced from a brass based material with antique brass plating and a bright roto finish. The face of the Army Remembrance Pin displays the Army 2001 Rising Sun above two sprigs of laurel and is encircled with the words '*In Memory of their Dedicated Service*'.

The Army Remembrance Pin is presented in a hard case black box, imprinted with the Army Rising Sun and contains a card on the inside cover that reads:

*The Army Remembrance Pin recognises the family of an Australian Army member who has died in service.*

*The Army Remembrance Pin is presented by the Chief of Army as a symbol of the dedicated and valued service of the member, and acknowledges the sacrifice made by the families of Army's men and women.*

***What is the meaning of the Army Remembrance Pin's design?***

The Army Remembrance Pin features the Rising Sun, the emblem worn on the uniform of all Australian Army members. The Pin's design reflects service in the Army, complemented by a laurel wreath, which is commonly associated with recognition and remembrance of sacrifice.

***Who do I contact if I have an enquiry about the Army Remembrance Pin?***

Enquiries regarding eligibility, application and issuing of the Army Remembrance Pin can be made by:

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