

Platinum Jubilee Medal

Q&A

To mark Our Patron Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, [a special commemorative medal](#) will be awarded to serving frontline members of the emergency services, prison services and the Armed Forces.

Acting as a token of the nation's thanks, the Platinum Jubilee Medal follows a long history of awarding medals to mark Royal Jubilee celebrations, with the first one awarded to mark the 50th year of Queen Victoria's reign in 1887.

We are pleased to announce that **approximately 4,500 frontline RNLI volunteers and staff** (in roles that directly impact lifesaving delivery) have been submitted to the Department for Transport for validation and approval.

Congratulations to the volunteers and staff who will be receiving a Platinum Jubilee Medal this year!

Everyone who volunteers, works for or supports the RNLI is a vital part of our charity's lifesaving mission. Whether you receive a Platinum Jubilee Medal this year or celebrate with fellow volunteers and staff members, **thank you for being a lifesaver.**

Q. Who qualifies for a medal?

The eligibility criteria for the Platinum Jubilee Medal are set by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). Emergency services personnel who are eligible have:

- been in paid service, retained or in a voluntary capacity
- been dealing with emergencies as part of their conditions of service
- completed five full calendar years of service as of 6 February 2022.

The RNLI conducted a thorough eligibility check of role profiles based upon the criteria set by the MOD, which were then validated by the Department for Transport. Roles that directly impact lifesaving delivery are eligible as they have responsibility for ensuring lifeboats and lifeguards are readily available for operations within their designated region.

Q. How is the qualification for the Platinum Jubilee Medal different from previous medals, such as the Diamond Jubilee in 2012?

The Ministry of Defence is responsible for the qualification criteria for the Platinum Jubilee Medal, which differs from previous jubilee medals. This means there are some volunteers and staff who do not qualify this time.

This year there will be further opportunities in the RNLI to celebrate as one crew and show appreciation for fellow volunteers and staff members.

Q. How is the RNLI going to be recognising volunteers and staff during this year?

The RNLI will continue to recognise dedication and special efforts through meritorious awards, internal [long service and volunteer recognition awards](#).

If you feel someone has gone above and beyond in their role, you can nominate a volunteer for an [Excellence in Volunteering Award](#).

Q. When will the RNLI receive the medals?

The RNLI is expecting to receive the majority of medals in Poole by the end of March. Due to the quantity requested, some medals may be sent at a later date. Once received by the RNLI, they will be despatched via Depot Transport to the regional bases and support centres for onward distribution to lifeboat stations.