



## **Frequently Asked Questions Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia)**

### **Why is the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal being created?**

A new commemorative medal has been created to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal will be a tangible way for Nova Scotia to honour Her Majesty's service to Canada.

The Medal program will be part of the Platinum Jubilee year celebrations, organized by the Government of Nova Scotia. Permission is being sought from the Government of Canada to have the Medal included in the Order of Precedence, along with the other commemorative medals of the Canadian Honours System.

### **Why are commemorative medals established?**

Commemorative medals are established to mark special anniversaries or occasions. They are typically awarded to recognize contributions made by Canadians from a broad spectrum of society.

Other commemorative medals include the Canadian Centennial Medal (1967); the Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Medal (1977); the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal (1992); the Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002); and the Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012).

Provinces have previously created commemorative medals, namely the Alberta Centennial Medal and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal (both in 2005), which were officially recognized by the Government of Canada and authorized for wear with other official honours. For more information, please visit <https://novascotia.ca/jubileemedal>.

### **Who is administering the program?**

The program is being administered by the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs Protocol and Honours Secretariat in partnership with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

### **What will the Platinum Jubilee Medal look like?**

The design of the medal and ribbon will be released in the coming month.

## **Is Nova Scotia the only jurisdiction that will have a Platinum Jubilee Medal Program?**

NO: The United Kingdom has already begun to roll out their Platinum Jubilee Medal Program and The Queen's Caribbean Realms have also instituted a medal program for 2022.

## **Will other provinces have a Platinum Jubilee Medal Program?**

YES: Nova Scotia has been working closely with a number of other jurisdictions to assist them in establishing a medal program based on what we have established in this province. These other jurisdictions will be making announcements of their programs in the near future.

## **How was the number of 5,000 recipients arrived at?**

It was decided to proceed with 5,000 recipients based on the number of Nova Scotians recognized in the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Medal Program. At that time, 3,800 residents of Nova Scotia were awarded medals. The number 5,000 accounts for population growth and also the desire to recognize a large number of people who have made significant contributions throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Will members of the public be able to make nominations?**

YES: Members of the public will be able to nominate people via their MLA or other program partners. The list of initial program partners will be released on June 2, 2022.

## **Will people from outside Nova Scotia be able to receive the medal?**

While there is no residency or citizenship requirement to receive the medal, anyone being nominated for the medal must have a direct connection to the province and must have made a significant contribution to the province.

As with the Order of Nova Scotia, a number of non-residents with strong Nova Scotia ties have been recognized; notably the Nobel Prize Winning physicist Art McDonald who was born in Cape Breton but lives in Kingston ON, the award-winning poet George Elliott Clarke, who was born in Windsor but now resides in Toronto, and other distinguished Canadians who have a direct connection to our province.

## **How was the medal approved?**

The Governor-in-Council, composed of the provincial Cabinet and the Lieutenant Governor, approved the creation of the medal and program. In this capacity, the Lieutenant Governor is also acting on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

## **Will other provincial medals be established?**

At this time, there are no plans to create other provincial medals. This program has been established to fill a gap left by the absence of a federal Platinum Jubilee Medal Program. This is a one-time program that will conclude on February 5, 2023, at the end of the Platinum Jubilee year.

## **Where will this medal fit with my other medals?**

Permission is being sought from the Government of Canada to have the medal listed in the Order of Precedence with the other commemorative medals of the Canadian Honours System. It is expected that the medal will be worn after The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012) and before the RCMP Long Service Medal, the Canadian Forces' Decoration (C.D.) and the Exemplary Service Medals. Other provincial commemorative medals, such as the 2005 Alberta Centennial Medal and the 2005 Saskatchewan Centennial, have been included in the Order of Precedence so there is a solid precedent.

The complete list of precedence for orders, decorations and medals is available online at [www.gg.ca/en/order-precedence](http://www.gg.ca/en/order-precedence)

## **What are the criteria for the selection of recipients?**

Medal recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Nova Scotia or have a tangible link to Nova Scotia at the time of the grant of the medal;
- Have made a significant contribution to Canada, Nova Scotia or a particular Nova Scotian region or community; and
- Was alive on February 6, 2022, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne.

## **Can the medal be awarded posthumously?**

To be eligible, the candidate must have been alive on February 6, 2022, the date of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Queen's accession to the Throne.

## **How will recipients be selected for the medal?**

To ensure a fair and equitable selection of worthy recipients, representative of all regions and fields of endeavor, various governmental and non-governmental organizations will be invited to become trusted partners in the program. These partners will propose the names of deserving candidates for the medal from their communities or organizations. MLAs along with other partners will be involved in selecting recipients of the medal.

## **Who are the partners?**

The initial list of partners will be released on June 2, 2022.

## **How is fairness in the selection process ensured?**

The criteria, the partners and the list of recipients will be made public. The partners will be provided with guidelines to assist them in the selection process and promote transparency, fairness and equitable representation.

## **Will some people receive the medal automatically?**

Some Nova Scotians who have already demonstrated their contribution to the province, such as those on the provincial Table of Precedence, Indigenous leaders, recipients of the Cross of Valour, as well as members of the Order of Canada and Order of Nova Scotia, will receive the medal.

## **Once selected, how will the recipients receive their medal?**

Most medals will be officially presented to recipients at presentation ceremonies, which will be organized by program partners. The Lieutenant Governor and Provincial Protocol and Honours Secretariat will also be holding medal presentation ceremonies throughout the year.

## **Will the list of recipients be public?**

A list of all recipients will be available online once the program has concluded.

## **When will the first medals be presented?**

The inaugural investiture of the Platinum Jubilee Medal Program is planned for July 2022. A broad cross-section of 70 Nova Scotians will be recognized at this inaugural event. This date also coincides with Commonwealth wide celebrations of The Queen's 70 years of service.

## **How can I nominate someone for the medal?**

Details on the nomination process and partners will be announced on June 2, 2022.

## **When is the deadline for nominations?**

Program partners must submit all of their nominations no later than January 3, 2023. However, most will set deadlines and make submissions well before this date in order to present the medals during the Platinum Jubilee year.

## **Where can additional inquiries from the public regarding the Platinum Jubilee Medal Program be answered?**

Questions concerning the Platinum Jubilee Medal Program can be sent to the Protocol and Honours Secretariat at [jubileemedal@novascotia.ca](mailto:jubileemedal@novascotia.ca) or by calling 1-902-424-4199 or by calling the Office of the Lieutenant Governor 902-424-7001.

You can also visit, <https://novascotia.ca/jubileemedal> for additional information and updates.

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