



PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S NATIONAL HONOURS AND AWARDS SYSTEM THE ORDER OF LOGOHU

Within the Papua New Guinea Honours and Awards System, the **Distinguished Service Medals** and **Meritorious Service Medals** sit below the **Orders of Logohu** and **Star of Melanesia** and are designed to recognize outstanding professional service in specific sectors. In ranking order, **Companion of the Star of Melanesia** follows **Grand Companion of the Logohu**. They form an important part of the **Order of Papua New Guinea**.

SECTION A: PAPUA NEW GUINEA HONOURS AND AWARDS SYSTEM

ORDERS

1. **Cross of Valour Order - CV**
2. **Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu -GCL- (Grand Chief)**
 - Officer of Logohu OL
 - Member of Logohu ML
 - National Logohu Medal LM
3. **Companion of the Star of Melanesia** CSM
4. **Distinguish Service**
 - Cross of Medical Service CMS
 - Distinguished Military Service Medal DMS
 - Distinguished Police Service Medal DPS
 - Distinguished Correctional Service Medal DCS
5. **Meritorious Service Medals**
 - Meritorious Emergency Service Medal MES
 - Meritorious Public Service Medal MPS
 - Meritorious Community Service Medal MCS
 - Commendation for Valuable Service Medal CVS

SECTION B: DESCRIPTION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALS

1. **Cross of Medical Service (CMS)**
Post-nominal: CMS
 - Awarded to members of the medical and health professions.
 - Recognizes distinguished and exceptional service to healthcare and medical services in Papua New Guinea.

- Often suitable for doctors, nurses, public health leaders, and medical administrators.

2. Distinguished Military Service Medal (DMS)

Post-nominal: DMS

- Awarded to members of the Papua New Guinea Defence Force.
- Recognizes distinguished military leadership, professionalism, and service to the nation.

3. Distinguished Police Service Medal (DPS)

Post-nominal: DPS

- Awarded to members of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.
- Recognizes distinguished service, leadership, integrity, and dedication to policing work.

4. Distinguished Correctional Service Medal (DCS)

Post-nominal: DCS

- Awarded to members of the Correctional Services.
- Recognizes distinguished service in correctional administration, rehabilitation, and custodial management.

SECTION C: DESCRIPTION OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS

1. Meritorious Emergency Service Medal (MES)

Post-nominal: MES

- Awarded to members of emergency services.
- Includes fire, disaster management, rescue, and emergency response personnel.
- Recognizes exceptional service and dedication beyond normal duty.

2. Meritorious Public Service Medal (MPS)

Post-nominal: MPS

- Awarded to public servants.
- Recognizes exemplary and meritorious service within government departments and statutory authorities.

3. Meritorious Community Service Medal (MCS)

Post-nominal: MCS

- Awarded to individuals who have rendered outstanding service to communities.
- Commonly recognizes church leaders, NGO workers, educators, community leaders, and volunteers.

4. Commendation for Valuable Service Medal (CVS)

Post-nominal: CVS

- Recognizes valuable service that may not meet the threshold for higher honours but is nevertheless worthy of national recognition.
 - Often used for dedicated long-term service and significant contributions to society.
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SECTION D: NATIONAL ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FROM THE HIGHEST TO LOWEST

Rank	Award	Post-Nominal
1	Cross of Valour	CV
2	Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu	GCL
3	Companion of the Star of Melanesia	CSM
4	Officer of Logohu	OL
5	Member of Logohu	ML
6	National Logohu Medal	LM
7	Cross of Medical Service	CMS
8	Distinguished Military Service Medal	DMS
9	Distinguished Police Service Medal	DPS
10	Distinguished Correctional Service Medal	DCS
11	Meritorious Emergency Service Medal	MES
12	Meritorious Public Service Medal	MPS
13	Meritorious Community Service Medal	MCS
14	Commendation for Valuable Service Medal	CVS

SECTION E: CATEGORY AND DESCRIPTION OF NOMINATION LEVELS FROM THE LOWEST TO HIGHEST

- CVS** → Entry-Level National Recognition.
- MCS / MPS / MES** → Outstanding Service within a Sector.
- DCS / DPS / DMS / CMS** → Distinguished Leadership and Achievement within a Profession.
- LM** → **Exemplary National Contribution.** The National Logohu Medal (LM) is awarded for exemplary service in a profession, career, or industry group, or to the general community, over a period of at least five years.
- ML** → **Significant National Impact.** Member of Logohu (ML) is awarded for commendable service to a particular area of endeavour to Papua New Guinea, or to a local community, sustained over a period of at least seven years

- f) **OL → Distinguished National Leadership.** Officer of Logohu (OL) is awarded for distinguished service to Papua New Guinea, or to a local community, sustained over a period of at least ten years
 - g) **CSM → Distinguished Regional (Melanesian) Contribution.** Order of the Companion of the Star of Melanesia (CSM). It is awarded for distinguished service of a high degree to Papua New Guinea and Melanesia, sustained over a period of fifteen years.
 - h) **GCL → Highest Level of National Service and Achievement.**
 - i) **CV- Bravery** - awarded for only the most selfless acts of bravery in times of extreme personal danger.
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This National Logohu Awards List is to provide guidance to Nominators, Provincial Committees and the National Honours Secretariat to use consistently through the nomination process.