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Congratulations! The commemorative medal you have received marks the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada—an occasion marked only once before, by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, in 1897.

To celebrate this event, 60 000 outstanding Canadians of all ages and from all walks of life are being honoured for their contributions or distinguished service to their fellow citizens, to their community and to their country.

About the Medal

The design of the medal was developed by the Canadian Heraldic Authority and approved by Her Majesty The Queen. The medal is manufactured by the Royal Canadian Mint.

The obverse depicts an image of the Sovereign, in whose name the medal is bestowed. The reverse marks the 60th—or 'diamond'—anniversary of the accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The anniversary is expressed by the central diamond shape, by the background composed of a pattern of diamonds, and by the two dates, 1952 and 2012. The maple leaves refer to Canada, while the Latin motto VIVAT REGINA means "Long live The Queen!"



Wearing the Medal

Your medal can be worn at ceremonial events, such as those held on Remembrance Day and Canada Day. As well, you may receive invitations to other formal events where the medal can be worn. The invitation card will mention “With Decorations.” It is always appropriate to ask your host if you are not sure whether your medal should be worn.

When you wear your medal, it should always be worn on your left side, above your heart. If this is your only medal, wear it as you received it. If you have other medals, we recommend having it mounted professionally. It should be suspended from a medal bar together with the other decorations, arranged from left to right in accordance with the Canadian order of precedence. A military tailor in your area should be able to do this for you. Listed below are the guidelines for the appropriate wearing of medals.

Daytime Events

During daytime events, such as medal presentation ceremonies, parades and official receptions, the medal can be worn with business attire or uniform dress. The Diamond Jubilee Medal is worn attached to the left side. Women may also wear it on a bow, just below the shoulder.



Members of uniformed organizations, such as the Canadian Forces, police forces, the St. John Ambulance Brigade or the Corps of Commissionaires, should wear their insignia as set out in their respective dress regulations.

Evening Events

For evening events, medals can be worn with business attire or with formal dress (black tie/evening dress.) With business attire, the full-size medal is worn on the left side in the same way as it would be during the day. If you often attend formal events, you may wish to purchase a miniature of the medal. The miniature is identical to the full-size medal but at three-quarter scale. It is worn above your heart in the same way as the full-size medal: either alone, if it is your only medal, or mounted with miniatures of your other decorations, arranged according to the Canadian order of precedence. Miniatures should only be worn with other miniatures; you should never wear a mix of full-size and miniature medals. Women can wear the miniature either suspended from the ribbon or on a bow.



Order of Precedence

The Canadian order of precedence establishes that the Diamond Jubilee Medal follows all national and provincial orders, decorations and military service medals. Specifically, the medal is to be worn after Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal (2002) and before the RCMP Long Service Medal, the Canadian Forces' Decoration (C.D.) and the Exemplary Service Medals. The complete list of precedence for orders, decorations and medals is available online at www.gg.ca under the "It's an Honour" section.

Useful Information

- A medal can only be worn by its actual recipient.
- Orders, decorations and medals not listed in the Canadian order of precedence shall not be mounted or worn in conjunction with orders, decorations and medals listed in the order of precedence.
- Foreign awards can only be worn if they have been approved by the Government of Canada. If you would like to seek approval for a foreign award, please contact the Chancellery of Honours.

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