

CHANCERY HANDBOOK

TOPIC H – RECOGNITION: THE GRAND PRIOR’S AWARD

I have gathered together in this document everything you need to know about the Grand Prior’s Award for St John Ambulance cadets. The source documents are the Statutes, the Regulations and Grand Council Instruction No 2. The relevant extracts are reproduced below in Times New Roman font in text boxes.

STATUTES

The Grand Prior’s Award is covered in spirit, if not in detail, by Statute 52(1):

52. **Medals**

(1) The Order may award Medals ... in accordance with such provision as may from time to time be made by Regulations.

REGULATIONS

The relevant Regulation as per Statute 52(1) is Regulation 36 (again the Grand Prior’s Award is covered in general terms), which itself refers forward to Appendix V to the Regulations:

36 **Medals, Certificates of Honour ...**

Appendices ... V ... shall have effect for the purposes of Statute 52 under which provision may be made concerning the award of Medals ...

APPENDIX V
(Regulation 36)

PART TWO: THE GRAND PRIOR’S AWARD

3 **The Award**

3(1) The Grand Prior’s Award may be made to a person who is or has been a cadet in ... St John Ambulance ... and who has successfully completed a programme of studies and activities which has enhanced his potential to contribute effectively to the community.

3(2) The Award shall only be made to a person who satisfies such conditions as may be prescribed by:

- a. a Grand Council Instruction; and
- b. subject thereto the Priory, if any, of the territory in which that person is resident.

3(3) A person to whom the Award is made shall receive:

- a. a badge, known as the Grand Prior’s Award Badge; and
- b. a certificate, known as the Grand Prior’s Award Certificate.

3(4) A cadet to whom the Award is made shall during the remainder of his cadet service be styled as a “Grand Prior’s Cadet”.

GRAND COUNCIL INSTRUCTION

The further details on eligibility mentioned in Paragraph 3(2)a of Appendix V above appear in Grand Council Instruction No 2. It was issued on 21 October 2005 and came into force on 1 January 2006.

GRAND COUNCIL INSTRUCTION NUMBER 2	
THE GRAND PRIOR'S AWARD	
6	<p>Priories and Dependent Commanderies</p> <p>Each Priory is authorised to prescribe the conditions of and the criteria for the Award in relation to Youth Members who are members of ... St John Ambulance ... within its territory (including those within the territory of a Commandery which is dependent on that Priory).</p>
7	<p>Selected Priories in relation to St John Associations</p>
7.1	<p>A St John Association may agree with any Priory that it will be its Selected Priory for the purposes of the Grand Prior's Award and may at any time and from time to time agree with any other Priory that thereafter that other Priory will be its Selected Priory.</p>
7.2	<p>In the absence of any agreement to the contrary, the Selected Priory in relation to a St John Association will be the Priory of England and the Islands.</p>
...	
11	<p>Authority to Make Awards</p> <p>The following bodies are authorised to make the Award on behalf of the Grand Prior to persons who satisfy the conditions set out in this Instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. in relations to persons resident within the territory of a Priory then that Priory; andb. in relation to persons resident within the territory of a St John Association by the Selected Priory of that Association.

A cadet or Youth Member is defined as being under the age of 18 (Paragraph 3.3) but the award may be made to eligible adults under the age of 21 (Paragraph 8.2). The badge is described at Paragraph 9.2 and is shown below (approximately half scale):



It is worn on the upper left sleeve of St John Ambulance uniform, midway between the shoulder and the elbow. The certificate is mentioned, but not described, at Paragraph 10. An example used by the Priory of England and the Islands is attached.

RELATED TOPIC

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DISCUSSION POINT FOR CHANCERY STAFF

Further to Paragraphs 7.2 and 11.b, the Priory of England and the Islands has not and does not issue (through SJA England) Badges and Certificates to overseas Associations.