

# Nuclear Tests Medal Design Revealed

Many veterans of Britain's nuclear tests will receive a new medal in time for Remembrance Sunday. On the 28th of July 2023, the British Government announced the design of the new Commemorative Medal recognising military, civilian, and overseas staff and personnel who participated in Britain's nuclear testing programme in the 1950s and 1960s.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs,  
Rt Hon. Johnny Mercer MP, said:

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As thousands flock to the cinemas to watch Oppenheimer, it's important to remember the contributions of the veterans, scientists and staff who worked on Britain's nuclear programme. Our nuclear deterrent continues to underpin both our security and the security of our NATO allies and this new medal is a fitting tribute to all those who worked to develop this vital defence.

The medal design features an atom surrounded by olive branches and bears the words "Nuclear Test Medal". The obverse will bear an effigy of His Majesty the King. The simplicity of the design was chosen to reflect the multitude of different roles that were carried out by the broad range of recipients. The ribbon design includes white, yellow, black and red, with the lighter blue for the sky and ocean, representative of the Pacific.

The medal will also be awarded posthumously. Veterans, civilian staff and next of kin from across the UK and Commonwealth can apply for the commemorative medal through the MOD's Medal Office, which will be free of charge.

The full Nuclear Test Medal eligibility criteria can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nuclear-test-medal-eligibility-criteria>

Download the MOD Application Form here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/applying-for-medals>

You will be able to find detailed information on the application process here - <https://www.labrats.international/medal>

The page includes information on the eligibility criteria, frequently asked questions and also a useful video showing you how to fill out the application form.

