

## STATUTES OF THE MEDAL OF MERIT OF THE ESTONIAN DEFENCE LEAGUE

### § 1. Description of the Medal of Merit of the Estonian Defence League

(1) The Medal of Merit (*Figure 1*) is a medallion encircled with ornamental decorations, and the main element of its front side is the emblem of the Estonian Defence League (EDL) in front of a vertical downward-pointed sword. The sword and the emblem are framed with an oval-shaped ellipse and the words PRO PATRIA written on it. The height of the medal is 43 mm, the width of the sword blade and handle is 3.5 mm. The height of the emblem is 21.5 mm and its width is 26 mm. The vertical diameter of the ellipse framing the emblem is 43 mm, and its horizontal diameter is 27 mm. The height of ornamental decorations on the sides of the ellipse is 29 mm, and its maximum width is 2.5 mm. The back side of the medal is smooth with the number of the medal engraved on it.

(2) The medals of merit of the three main classes are ajouré but the background of the emblem of the Estonian Defence League of the Special Class Medal of Merit are covered in orange enamel. The downward pointing sword and the emblem are made of silver and oxidised. The ellipse with ornamental decorations is bronze for the Third Class medal, silver for the Second Class medal, and golden for the First Class and Special Class medal. The words PRO PATRIA are darkened with oxidation for the medals of all classes.



Figure 1: Medal of Merit of the Estonian Defence League

### § 2. Bestowal of the Medal of Merit of the Estonian Defence League

(1) The decision to award someone with the Medal of Merit is made by the Central Management of the Estonian Defence League. On urgent cases when the Central Management of the EDL cannot be assembled, the Medal of Merit can be awarded with the decision of the Commander of the EDL who will inform the Central Management

- (2) Medals of Merit are ceremonially bestowed three times a year – the Independence Day, the Victory Day and the anniversary of the Estonian Defence League. On rare cases and with the decision of the Central Management of the EDL, the Medal of Merit can be bestowed on other occasions.
- (3) The Medal of Merit, the Cross of Merit and the White Cross are never bestowed concurrently. The Medal of Merit can be bestowed if at least two years have passed from when the person received either the White Cross or the Cross of Merit (except for the special class).
- (4) Medals of Merit are awarded in the order of classes.
- (5) The Medal of Merit cannot be awarded to a person with a valid disciplinary punishment, a person whose punishment for offense has not been deleted, or a member of the EDL with the obligation to pay membership fee who has not paid their fee for the last calendar years.
- (6) The Central Management of the EDL is not obligated to justify the decision to not award someone with the Medal of Merit.
- (7) The Medal of Merit can be applied for by submitting a motion to the Human Resources Department of the Headquarters of the EDL (Annex 1).
- (8) Medals of Merit are awarded in compliance with the following principles.

Class	Preconditions	
<b>First Class</b>	For members of the EDL for outstanding service in the EDL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) At least 16 years of outstanding service in the EDL</li> <li>2) At least 2 years have passed since being awarded with a decoration of the EDL</li> <li>3) An award by the chief of the unit or recognition by the collegial organ of the unit</li> </ol>
<b>Second Class</b>	For members of the EDL for outstanding service in the EDL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) At least 10 years of outstanding service in the EDL</li> <li>2) At least 2 years have passed since being awarded with a decoration of the EDL</li> <li>3) An award by the chief of the unit or recognition by the collegial organ of the unit</li> </ol>
<b>Third Class</b>	For members of the EDL for outstanding service in the EDL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) At least 4 years of outstanding service in the EDL</li> <li>2) An award by the chief of the unit or recognition by a collegial organ of the unit</li> </ol>
<b>Special class</b>	For members of the EDL for solitary outstanding contributions to the comprehensive development of the EDL	Outstanding contribution to the comprehensive development of the EDL.
	For people outside of the EDL for outstanding services to the EDL	

- (9) The bestowal of the Medal of Merit is verified with a certificate with the first and last name of the recipient, an imprint of the relief seal of the Estonian Defence League, the number of the

Medal of Merit, the date of the Central Management meeting, and the number of the decision. The certificate is signed by the Commander of the Estonian Defence League and a member of the Central Management.

- (10) The duplicates of the Medal of Merit, the ribbon and the certificate are ordered by the issuing institution, based on an application by the recipient of the Medal. The duplicate is paid for by the applicant.

### **§ 3. Wearing the Medal of Merit of the Estonian Defence League**

- (1) The Medal of Merit is worn with the ribbon on the left side of the chest, after the White Cross. The width of the ribbon is 34 mm, and it is categorised as follows:
- 1) Third Class – 12 mm cornflower blue, 1 mm white, 2 mm orange, 1 mm white, 2 mm orange, 1 mm white, 2 mm orange, 1 mm white, and 12 mm cornflower blue.
  - 2) Second Class – 12 mm cornflower blue, 1 mm white, 3.5 mm orange, 1 mm white, 3.5 mm orange, 1 mm white, and 12 mm cornflower blue.
  - 3) First Class – 12 mm cornflower blue, 1 mm white, 8 mm orange, 1 mm white, and 12 mm cornflower blue.
- Special Class – First Class ribbon with a rosette on it; the diameter of the rosette is 22 mm and it is made of the Third Class ribbon.
- (2) The miniature of the Medal of Merit is a copy of the medal, reduced to 1/3 of its original size.
- (3) Instead of the Medal of Merit, a person can wear either the ribbon or the miniature.
- (4) The miniature of the Medal of Merit is worn on the left lapel of a suit jacket.
- (5) The person who has been awarded with the Medal of Merit of different classes generally wears only the medal of the highest class.