

The Royal Forestry Society

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE LONG SERVICE MEDAL FOR FORESTERS AND WOODMEN

made by Resolution of the Board of Trustees
on 14th October 2014

1. The award of this medal may be made by the Board of Trustees.
2. Any member of the Society can propose candidates for this award.
3. In order to be eligible for this award, a candidate must:
 - 3.1 Be an employee of a member of the Royal Forestry Society or a contractor working regularly for a member;
 - 3.2 Be a bona fide forester, woodman, forestry contractor or otherwise working hands-on in woodland management, employed in the woodlands of such a member;
 - 3.3 Have been employed or contracted for thirty or more years by the same employer and/or on the same property.
4. Application forms for this award are available on our website www.rfs.org.uk/awards/rfs-long-service-award/ or from the Head Office of the Royal Forestry Society and must be forwarded to him/her when completed.
5. The Head Office will then send out the completed application form with the agenda for the next Board of Trustees meeting so that the application can be considered by the Board.
6. If for any reason the Board of Trustees decides not to approve the application, its decision is final and there is no obligation to state the reasons for it being turned down.
7. Some applications will require the Board of Trustees to exercise judgement within the scope and intent of these regulations. The Board of Trustees meeting minutes will document the discussion underlying such decisions.
8. The decision of the Board of Trustees to approve or refuse an application will be reported to the next meeting of the Council.
9. The medal will be free of charge but employers are able to make a voluntary donation towards the cost of the award.
10. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, this RFS award will be presented by the President or, if that is not possible, by another honorary officer of the RFS, the Local Divisional Chairman or a person of similar standing within the Society to the recipient at an appropriate public occasion such as our Whole Society Meeting, a Divisional Meeting or a local land-based event.
11. Bars may be added subsequently for each 10 year's additional service. The procedure for applying for and awarding those is the same as for the medal. Where the award is made in an intermediate year (e.g. 46 years service), the award will be for the actual number of completed year's service.