



## Australian Government

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### Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

#### USE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COAT OF ARMS

##### GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Commonwealth Coat of Arms is the formal symbol of the Commonwealth of Australia that signifies Commonwealth authority and ownership.

The Commonwealth Coat of Arms is used by Australian Government departments and agencies, statutory and non-statutory authorities, the Parliament and Commonwealth courts and tribunals.

Individuals can apply to the Awards and Culture Branch of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for permission in writing to use the Commonwealth Coat of Arms. The Awards and Culture Branch has discretion to grant permission in limited circumstances, including for the purposes of education, and for Australian teams competing in international competitions.

Use of the Commonwealth Coat of Arms without permission may breach the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, the *Trade Marks Act 1995* and the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

Importation of goods bearing the Commonwealth Coat of Arms is prohibited under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations*.

Please address applications for permission to use the Arms, and inquiries, to:

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