
The Corps Instructions of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers



Corps Instruction Thirty Eight *“Corps Coins”*

A blue ink signature of Brigadier AWF Freeman, written in a cursive style.

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Corps Instruction Number Thirty Eight – The RAEME Corps, Head of Corps and Other Coins

Introduction

1. Coins and similar medallion shaped objects have become popular as compact, durable symbols of esprit-de-corps and mementos of organisations and events. The Corps Coin is a standardized gift for issue to individuals who join the Corps. The coin is to be issued to all new members at significant ceremonies like graduation from RMC or ASEME/RAMS. The intent is to provide a worthwhile keepsake specific to the Corps in order to foster greater esprit de corps and recognize Other Ranks and Officer new Corps members. This coin is known as the Corps coin.

2. In addition, a similar coin is available however referred to as the HOC coin. This coin serves the purpose of being available for issue by the HOC or his representative at significant events like funerals as a memento from the Corps.

Aim

3. The aim of this instruction is to describe the various RAEME Corps themed coins, including the Corps Coin, the design elements and their use and disbursement.

Design

4. **All Corps themed coins.** All Corps themed coins are to feature an obverse and reverse side. The obverse contains the Corps logo, in colour or silver and gold, centred on a red background surrounded by a dark blue border with the words “Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers”. The diameter of the coins are between 43 and 48 mm. Single sided coins are only to be produced as permanent fixtures in a presentation mounting.

5. **The Corps Coin.** The reverse side of the Corps Coin features the Corps Cypher overlaid on to the diagonal striping of the Corps Flag, surrounded by a dark blue border with the Corps Motto and its English translation.

6. **The HOC Coin.** The reverse side of the HOC coin features the Corps Cypher overlaid on to the diagonal striping of the Corps Flag, surrounded by a dark blue border with the Corps Motto and the words “Head of Corps”

7. **Other Coins.** Other RAEME coins may be produced to commemorate events or celebrate RAEME related units. These coins are to feature the obverse design in Para 4. The reverse side can be designed to suit, but the design must be approved by the HOC. Designs not approved by the HOC are not to feature RAEME logos or motto, “RAEME”, or “Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers”.

Distribution

8. **The Corps Coin.** The Corps Coin is to be distributed to all Craftsmen graduating from Initial Trade Training at ASEME or RAMS, and to all officers graduating from ASLO on completion of the Logistics Officer Basic Course (LOBC).

9. Relevant training organizations are to submit nominal rolls of graduating individuals to the SO2 Corps Heritage 6 to 8 weeks prior to march out.

10. Prescribed Service Officers (PSO) not completing the LOBC are to apply for the Corps Coin through email or minute to the SO2 Corps Heritage.
11. Replacement of lost Corps Coins will be at member's expense. The Corps Coin will be available for purchase from the HOC cell.
12. **The HOC Coin.** HOC Coins may be issued by the HOC, or by DHOC, Rep Col Comdt or Col Comdts on behalf of the HOC to the family of a recently deceased RAEME, or ex-RAEME, member as a gesture of condolence and support from the Corps.
13. HOC Coins are not to be issued retrospectively for previously deceased members. HOC Coins may be issued to more than one person if appropriate – issuing multiple coins to a deceased's children if unable to issue to a partner.
14. Sufficient coins should be held by HOC, DHOC and Col Comdts to deal with multiple events per year. Holders are to inform the HOC Cell if they require further quantities.

Conclusion

15. The Corps Coin is a significant gift to all RAEME personnel that fosters esprit-de-corps and advertises the Head of Corps Cell and the RAEME Corps Fund. It is anticipated that the coin will become a valued addition to serving members of RAEME and it will serve to remind newer members of the scope of support that the Corps is able to provide.
16. The HOC Coin is limited for issue to ensure the integrity and significance is maintained and hopefully revered by those privileged to have been issued.

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Annex:

- A. RAEME Corps and HOC Coin Designs



Figure 1: Obverse and Reverse Sides of the RAEME Corps Coin



Figure 2: Obverse and Reverse Sides of the HOC Coin