

# UK Honours Awards Description

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## **Knight or Dame (DBE)**

- This is awarded for having a major contribution in any activity, usually at national level. Other people working in the nominee's area will see their contribution as inspirational and significant, requiring commitment over a long period of time.
- Awarded via investiture at Buckingham Palace or Holyrood Palace.

## **Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)**

- This is awarded for having a prominent but lesser role at national level, or a leading role at regional level. You can also get one for a distinguished, innovative contribution to any area.
- Awarded via investiture at Buckingham Palace or Holyrood Palace.

## **Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)**

- This is awarded for having a major local role in any activity, including people whose work has made them known nationally in their chosen area.
- Awarded via investiture at Buckingham Palace or Holyrood Palace.

## **Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)**

- Awarded for an outstanding achievement or service to the community. This will have had a long-term, significant impact and stand out as an example to others.
- Awarded via investiture at Buckingham Palace or Holyrood Palace.

## **British Empire Medal (BEM)**

- Awarded for a 'hands-on' service to the local community. This could be a long-term charitable or voluntary activity, or innovative work of a relatively short duration (3 to 4 years) that has made a significant difference.
- Awarded locally by the Lord Lieutenant with invitation to the Garden Party.