

**From:** [Rush, Peter](#)  
**To:** [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Australian National Flag Day Brief [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]  
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Best add Red Ensign to answer to 9.

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**From:** [s 47E\(d\)](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 June 2018 11:47 AM  
**To:** [s 22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)  
**Cc:** Rush, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: Australian National Flag Day Brief [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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A few extra changes on the letters attached to the brief.

- Please ensure Red Ensign is capitalised each time (lower case has been used in para4 of the

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Please let me know if there are any issues so I can manage the office's expectations at my end!

Thanks

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Changes have been actioned as follows:

- An Australian Red Ensign fact sheet and question sheet has been added.
  - A colouring sheet/template has not been added specifically for the Australian Red Ensign as it is exactly the same as the Australian National Flag except it is on a red background

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Regards,  
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**From:** s 47E(d)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 June 2018 10:28 AM  
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- In Attachment A: 'Flag Kit for Flag Day' Page 1 : please add a Fact Sheet, question sheet and colouring page on the Red Ensign (shorter than those provided for the National Flag)

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Please give me a call if any of this needs clarification.

Kind regards

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## ATTACHMENT A

# Flag Kit for Flag Day

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Australian National Flag Day celebrates the first time the flag was flown on 3 September 1901. On 28 August 1996, the then Governor-General, Sir William Deane, issued a proclamation that officially established 3 September as Australian National Flag Day.

Flag Day is an opportunity to remind all Australians of the importance and significance of Australia's foremost national symbol. The Flag features in the national curriculum under civics and citizenship. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provides a flag kit which can be used to help promote an understanding of Australia's democratic heritage and traditions, and the shared values of freedom, tolerance, respect, responsibility and inclusion.

The flag kit consists of the following resources:

- Freedom to Choose (online interactive activity)
- Flag Day Fact Sheet
- Australian National Flag – Fun Facts
- Australian National Flag Fact Sheet
- Australian Red Ensign – Fun Facts
- Australian Red Ensign Fact Sheet
- Flag outline for colouring in
- Flag info sheet with how to recreate the flag.



## Australian Red Ensign

The Australian Red Ensign is the official flag to be flown at sea by Australian registered merchant ships.

### About the Australian Red Ensign

The Australian Red Ensign has three elements, similar to the Australian National Flag, on a red background. The Union Jack in the upper left corner (or canton), the white Commonwealth Star underneath it and the Southern Cross on the fly (or right hand side) of the flag in white.

### History of the Australian Red Ensign

When the Commonwealth Government announced a competition to design a flag for Australia in 1901, entrants were asked to send a design for two flags – one for official and naval purposes and the other for merchant ships. This resulted in a Blue Ensign and a Red Ensign.

There was considerable confusion in the first half of the 20th century over the appropriate use of the Red Ensign as opposed to the Blue Ensign.

This was clarified with the passage of the *Flags Act 1953* which proclaimed the Blue Ensign as the Australian National Flag. The Australian Red Ensign became the official flag to be flown at sea by Australian registered merchant ships.

### Merchant Navy Day

September 3 each year, as well as being Australia National Flag Day, is also Merchant Navy Day. Organisations and individuals commemorating Merchant Navy Day can choose to fly the Australian Red Ensign.

### Proclamation

The Australian Red Ensign is an official flag of Australia and is proclaimed under the *Flags Act 1953*.

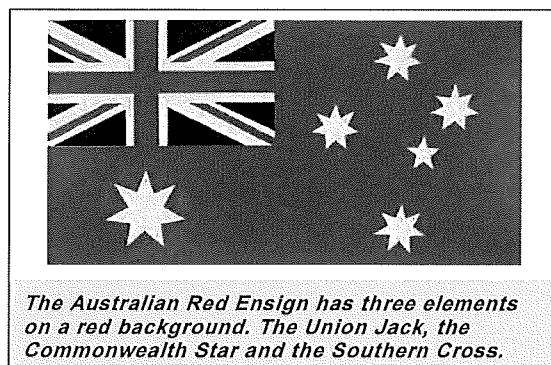
### Use of the Australian Red Ensign

The Australian Red Ensign is generally only flown at sea by Australian registered merchant ships or on land by organisations and individuals for ceremonial purposes such as Merchant Navy Day.

When the Australian Red Ensign is flown along with the Australian National Flag, the Australian National Flag should be flown in the position of honour.

### More information

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/australian-national-symbols/australian-flags>



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**Cc:** s 47E(d); [Rush, Peter](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, 17 July 2018 1:29:03 PM

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Apologies for yet another request to amend the Flag Day Packs slightly –

The office would now like all references to the Red Ensign removed from the activities pack.

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Please let me know if you need any clarification.

Kind regards

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**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Template letters and activities pack [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Date:** Monday, 13 August 2018 5:05:48 PM

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Grateful if you can urgently send me a copy of all the s 22(1)(a)(ii) and the activities pack without the Red Ensign info.

Thanks

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Good morning webservices team

Can we add a link to <https://pmc.gov.au/government/australian-national-flag/flag-kit-flag-day> for the attached resources?

We would be grateful if it can be titled Australian Red Ensign Fact Sheet and placed under the Flag info sheet with how to recreate the flag point.

Regards,

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

That looks good. Thank you.

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I've updated the page as per your request. Could I get you to take a look and confirm you're happy with it?

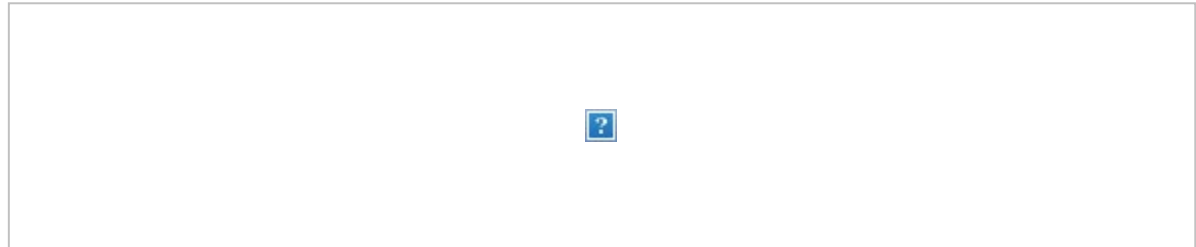
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have replaced all these files for you.

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If you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards

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*I work part time and am available Wednesday to Friday.*

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**Subject:** Flag Kit updates [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning Webservices team

Can we please update the following link (<https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/australian-national-flag/flag-kit-flag-day>) with the attached files please?

Regards,

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