

GUIDE TO CORRECT ORDER OF DRESS IN TEMPERATE AREAS FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN FUNCTIONS OTHER THAN IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, ALSO IN RAF CEREMONIAL

| Serial No a | Function/Occasion b | Order of Dress (see Note 1) | | | Sword and Associated Equipment (see Note 2) f | By those entitled | | Remarks j |
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| | | AVM and Senior Ranks c | Other Officers d | Airmen and Airwomen e | | Orders, Decorations and Medals g | Aiguillette h | |
| 1 | State visits. | | | | | | | |
| | a. Reception party | 1A | 1 | — | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| | b. Guards of honour and route lining | — | 1 | 1 | Yes (see Note 3) | Yes | No | Ceremonial capes may be worn during inclement weather between 31 March and 1 November providing they are removed before the arrival of the Head of State. |
| 2 | Royal visits. | | | | | | | |
| | a. Reception party | | | | | | | |
| | 1. Formal | 1A | 1 | — | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| | 2. Semi-formal | 1 | 1 | — | Optional | Yes (see Note 4) | Yes | |
| | 3. Informal | 1 | 1 | — | No | No | Yes | |
| | b. Other participants | 1 | 1 | 1 | No | No | Yes | |
| | c. Spectators | 1 | 1 | 1 | No | No | Yes | |
| 3 | Escort to Royalty | 1A | 1 | 1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | If less formality is desired, the alternative dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate. |

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| 10 (Cont) | b. Services organized by the Royal Navy or Army | - | - | - | - | - | - | Personnel are to conform to the dress worn by the organizing Service. |
| | c. Private services | | | | | | | |
| | 1. When attending in a representative capacity | 1 | 1 | 1 | No | No | Yes | Orders, decorations and medals may be worn if this is the expressed wish of the next of kin. |
| | 2. When not attending in a representative capacity | - | - | - | - | - | - | Plain clothes to be worn. |
| 11 | Unveiling statues in London and major cities: | | | | | | | |
| | a. Official party | 1A | 1 | - | Yes | Yes | Yes | On semi-formal and informal occasions the dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate. |
| | b. Parade personnel | - | 1 | 1 | Yes (see Note 5) | Yes | Yes | |
| 12 | Sovereign's birthday parades Battle of Britain parades Parades to confer and exercise freedom Remembrance Day parades Parades to present a Queen's/King's Colour, Squadron Standard or Personal Banner Graduation and passing out parades | 1A | 1 | 1 | Yes (see Note 5) | Yes | Yes | The dress for spectators is as indicated in Serial 2. Reviewing or inspecting officers and their staffs are to wear orders, decorations and medals. The CO of the unit on parade and the AOC of the group or higher formation to which the unit belongs, and their staffs are to be similarly dressed when attending on the reviewing or inspecting officer. |
| 13 | Parades on stations (other than those mentioned in Serial 12) | - | 1 | 1 | No | No | No | The nature of the parade will vary with circumstances and the decision whether to wear orders, decorations and medals, swords, side arms, white webbing and white gloves is to be made by the sponsoring authority. |

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| 14 | Joint Service parades | — | 1 | 1 | Yes (see Note 3) | Yes (see Note 4) | No | See remarks in Serial 13. |
| 15 | RAFA parades, when taking the salute or attending in an official capacity | 1 | 1 | — | Yes | Yes (see Note 4) | Yes | |
| 16 | CCF and ATC parades, when inspecting or reviewing | 1A | 1 | — | Yes | Yes | Yes | Where the locality of the review calls for less formality Air Marshals may decide to wear No 1 Dress (see Note 4). Swords need not be worn and orders, decorations and medals may be dispensed with. The decision should be made in consultation with the sponsoring authority. RAFRO officers are not to wear a sword when inspecting or reviewing CCF contingents or ATC squadrons but may do so when reviewing ATC wing ceremonial parades and on such other occasions as authorized by AOC Air Cadets. |
| 17 | Guards of honour | | 1 | 1 | Yes (see Note 3) | Yes | No | When the guard is mounted by The Queen's Colour Squadron, ceremonial capes may be worn in accordance with Serial 2. |
| 18 | Farnborough air display. Airmen and airwomen attending in organized parties on a 'trade' day. | — | — | 1 | No | No | No | Also see Annex C Serial 16 regarding attendance in an individual capacity. |
| 19 | Service weddings, if taking part in an official capacity when uniform is desired | 1 | 1 | 1 | Optional (see Note 6) | Optional (see Note 4) | Yes | See Annex C to this chapter, Serial 12. Swords are not available from Service sources for this purpose. |

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| 20 | Court balls and Royal evening receptions | 5A | 4/5/5A | 4/5 | No | Yes (see Notes 7/8) | Yes | 'Decorations' on the invitation card is intimation that orders, decorations and medals are to be worn. |
| 21 | Formal evening functions in mess on official occasions including those of another Service and guest nights | 5B | 4/5/5B | 4/5 | No | Miniatures only (see Note 7) | Yes | At functions of another Service No 5A Dress may be prescribed for the most senior officers and those junior officers holding personal appointments (eg ADCs and PSOs etc), when attending in an official capacity on the senior officer concerned. Women officers may wear civilian ball gowns at the officer's mess annual formal ball. |
| 22 | Dining-in nights | 5B | 4/5/5B | 4/5 | No | Miniatures only (see Note 7) | No | |
| 23 | Station evening functions such as boxing tournaments, armen's and airwomen's dances, etc | 5B | 4/5/5B | 4/5 | No | Miniatures only (see Note 7) | No | For functions other than station boxing tournaments, the station commander may order other forms of dress. |
| 24 | Special occasions (when uniform is worn in lieu of full evening dress): a. At all parties and dinners when any of the following members of the Royal Family are present: HM the Queen HRH the Duke of Edinburgh HRH the Prince of Wales HRH the Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother | 5A | 4/5/5A | 4/5 | No | Yes (see Notes 7/8) | Yes | |

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| <p>24 (Cont)</p> | <p>TRHs: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester The Duke and Duchess of Kent Prince Michael of Kent Princess Alexandra, the Honourable Mrs Angus Ogilvy</p> <p>b. At all parties and dinners given in houses of ambassadors and ministers accredited to Her Majesty's court, unless otherwise notified by the ambassador or minister concerned</p> <p>c. All important public banquets, balls and dinners, including dinners of city livery companies</p> <p>d. An important occasion when the host is: Lord Lieutenant of a county, within his county High Sheriff of a county, within his county Cabinet Minister Ex-Cabinet Minister Knight of the Order of the Garter Knight of the Order of the Thistle Great Officer of State and of the Queen's household Lords Mayor and Mayors Lords Provost and Provosts</p> | | | | | | | <p>Those entitled should wear an order of the country concerned in preference to a British one. If a British order is also worn, the former is to take prece- dence over the latter.</p> |

Notes

1. DNS(RAF) and DWRAF are also scaled to wear No 1A Dress. In warm-weather areas the equivalent dress is indicated in para 1011.
2. WRAF officers, when on parade, are to wear a ceremonial belt whenever RAF officers wear a sword and also when participating in passing out/graduation parades, if ordered.
3. Airmen participating in ceremonial wear white polyethelene webbing, also white gloves. They also carry side-arms if appropriate.
4. The number of stars and neck badges to be worn are as prescribed for ceremonial day dress in Annexes A and B.
5. Airmen in a Queen's Colour party or Squadron Standard party and an escort squadron carry side-arms. All airmen on the parade are to wear white polyethelene webbing and white gloves. Airwomen on the parade are to wear white gloves.
6. The sponsor should decide whether:
 - a. Those taking part ie groom, best man and person 'giving away' the bride should wear uniform.
 - b. A ceremonial guard should be mounted outside the church.
 - c. Whether guests should be given the option of wearing uniform.
7. Orders, decorations and medals are to be worn with No 4 Dress when Royalty are present, otherwise ribbons only are to be worn with this dress. See also Chap 7 para 0763.
8. On these occasions PMRAFNS and WRAF officers should wear white gloves.
9. Swords may be dispensed with for members of the congregation not participating in ceremonial.





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