

ORDER OF DRESS - RAF

No a	Short description b	Officer c	Airman d	Notes/Remarks e
1	Service Dress (SD) (1)	Hat - No 1 SD Jacket and trousers - No 1 SD Shirt Wedgwood blue Tie Black Socks Black Shoes Black, leather soled Oxford Gloves Brown leather (2) white with sword Coat (3)	Hat - No 1 SD Jacket and trousers - No 1 SD Shirt - Wedgwood blue Tie - Black Socks - Black Shoes - DMS Gloves - Knitted blue/grey or white (as ordered) Coat (3)	(1) This order of dress is reserved for ceremonial and other formal occasions, as ordered. (2) In accordance with paras 0234-5. (3) Greatcoat or raincoat may be ordered.
1A	Full Ceremonial Dress	As for No 1 SD with white gloves plus: Sash - Air officer Ceremonial shoulder straps	Not applicable	Applicable to AVM and above.
2	Working Dress	Hat - No 1 SD (1) Jacket - No 2 Dress Trousers - No 2 Dress Shirt - Wedgwood blue Tie - Black Socks - Black	Hat - SD (2) Jacket - No 2 Dress Trousers - No 2 Dress Shirt - Wedgwood blue Tie - Black Socks - Black	(1) Optional - Field service cap. RAF Regt officers only may wear beret. (2) Optional - Field service cap or beret. (3) Optional - For warmth or protection

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		Shoes -- Black, leather soled Oxford or DMS (as preferred) Gloves -- Brown leather (3) Coat (3)	Shoes -- DMS Gloves -- Knitted blue/grey (3) Coat (3)	
2A	Routine Working Dress (all year)	Hat -- No 1 SD (1) Jersey -- Blue/grey Trousers -- No 2 Dress Shirt -- Wedgwood blue Tie -- Black Socks -- Black Shoes -- Black, leather soled Oxford or DMS (as ordered) Belt Trousers, blue/grey Gloves -- Brown leather (4) Coat (4)	Hat -- No 1 SD (2) Jersey -- Blue/grey Trousers -- No 2 Dress Shirt -- Wedgwood blue (3) Tie -- Black Socks -- Black Shoes -- DMS Belt -- Trousers, blue/grey Gloves -- Knitted blue/grey (4) Coat (4)	When standard dress is ordered, no optional items are permitted. (1) Optional -- Field service cap. RAF Regiment officers only may wear beret. (2) Optional -- Field service cap or beret. (3) Optional -- Working shirt, no tie; only for those airmen in specified trades. (4) Optional -- For warmth or protection, or when ordered.

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2B	Routine Working Dress (summer) (1)	Hat — No 1 SD (2) Trousers — No 2 Dress Shirt — Wedgwood blue sleeves down (5) Tie — Black Socks — Black Shoes — Black, leather soled Oxford or DMS (as ordered) Belt — Stable belt (7)	Hat — No 1 SD (3) Trousers — No 2 Dress Shirt — Wedgwood blue (4) sleeves down (5) Tie — Black Socks — Black Shoes — DMS Belt — Trousers blue/grey (6)	When standard dress is ordered, no optional items are permitted. (1) When ordered by the CO. (2) Optional — Field service cap. RAF Regiment officers only may wear beret. (3) Optional — Field service cap or beret. (4) Optional — Working shirt, no tie; only for those airmen in specified trades. (5) Station Commanders may allow sleeves rolled up. Optional — NAAFI supplied short sleeve shirt — No tie, top button undone. (6) Optional — Stable belt. (7) Optional — Belt trousers blue/grey.
3	Combat Clothing	Hat — Cap Combat DPM(1) Smock — DPM Trousers — DPM Shirt — OD Boots — DMS (2)	Hat — Cap Combat DPM(1) Smock — DPM Trousers — DPM Shirt — OD Boots — DMS (2)	No 3, as ordered by the Station Commander, is routine working dress for RAF Regiment personnel. There are tropical and arctic variations of combat dress for personnel so scaled.

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		Puttees - OD Smock - DPM waterproof (3) Trousers - DPM waterproof (3)	Puttees - OD Smock - DPM waterproof (3) Trousers - DPM waterproof (3)	(1) RAF Regiment personnel wear the RAF beret when not engaged in exercises or operations. (2) For RAF Regiment personnel the longboot will supersede boots DMS and puttees. (3) For wear in inclement weather.
3A	Working Dress Olive Drab (OD) (all year)	Hat - Beret Trousers - OD Shirt - OD Jersey HD - OD (1) Socks - OD Longboot or DMS Boots and Puttees Belt - Webbing (1)	Hat - Beret Trousers - OD Shirt - OD Jersey HD - OD (1) Socks - OD Longboot or DMS Boots and Puttees Belt - Webbing (1)	No 3A Dress is an RAF Regiment routine working dress when ordered by the Station Commander. At Station Commanders' discretion the combat jacket (smock - DPM) may be worn for protection against the weather. (1) RAF Regiment personnel are authorized to wear the stable belt over the HD jersey. This item is awaiting financial clearance.
3B	Working Dress Olive Drab (OD) (summer)	Hat - Beret Trousers - OD Shirt - OD Socks - OD Sleeves rolled up	Hat - Beret Trousers - OD Shirt - OD Socks - OD Sleeves rolled up	No 3B is an RAF Regiment routine working dress for summer when ordered by the Station Commander. At Station Commanders' discretion the combat jacket (smock - DPM) may be worn for protection against the weather.

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		Longboot or DMS Boots and Puttees Belt -- Webbing (1)	Longboot or DMS Boots and Puttees Belt -- Webbing (1)	(1) RAF Regiment personnel are authorized to wear the stable belt. This item is awaiting financial clearance.
4	Mess Dress (1) (2)	No 1 Service Dress excepting: Shirt -- White Tie -- Black, bow Shoes -- Black (3)	As for officers	(1) This is interim Mess Dress for officer cadets and officers who have not received scaled No 5 Dress. (2) It is an optional form of Mess Dress for non-regular officers with the exception of officers serving on Class J commitments, and for airmen of all ranks. (3) Optional -- Leather soled black Oxford or plain black evening shoe.
5	5A -- Mess Dress (Full Ceremonial, evening)	Hat -- No 1 SD Jacket -- Mess Dress blue/grey Trousers -- Mess Dress blue/grey Waistcoat -- White Shirt -- White, stiff Collar -- White, wing, stiff Dress studs (1) Tie -- Black, bow Socks -- Black	Airman -- As for No 4 <i>Optional for warrant officer and SNCO:</i> Hat -- No 1 SD Jacket -- Mess Dress blue/grey barathea Trousers -- No 1 SD or blue/grey barathea Shirt -- White, either plain or marcella collar attached Tie -- Black, bow	(1) Plain gold or gold type. (2) As required. Greatcoat or raincoat. (3) Restricted use. Air Cdres and above provide waistcoat, shirt and collar at personal expense. Gp Cpts and below attending a function in No SA Dress may claim in accordance with GAI 6021 para 26.17

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		Shoes - Black, evening Gloves - Brown leather Coat (2)	Cummerbund - Blue/grey Shoes - Black, evening	
5B -- Mess Dress (Ceremonial/non-Ceremonial, evening)		As 5A excepting: Waistcoat - Blue (1) Shirt - White, marcella collar attached		(1) No 8 Dress cummerbund may be worn by officers who have not received outfit allowance for blue waistcoat until 1 April 1984 when the blue waistcoat becomes mandatory for all officers and the No 8 cummerbund is no longer optional.
6 Service Dress (warm weather areas)		Hat - No 1 SD Jacket and Trousers - No 6 SD, Stone Shirt - Stone, long sleeve Tie - Black Socks - Black Shoes - Black, leather soled, Oxford Gloves - White only if a sword is carried	Hat - No 1 SD Jacket and Trousers - No 6 SD, Stone (2) Shirt - Stone, long sleeve Tie - Black Socks - Black Shoes - DMS Gloves - White, as ordered	This order of dress is reserved for ceremonial and other formal occasions, as ordered, and for colour warrant officers required to carry swords. (2) Issue of this uniform to warrant officers and aimen is restricted to particular SDL postings and for important ceremonies overseas.

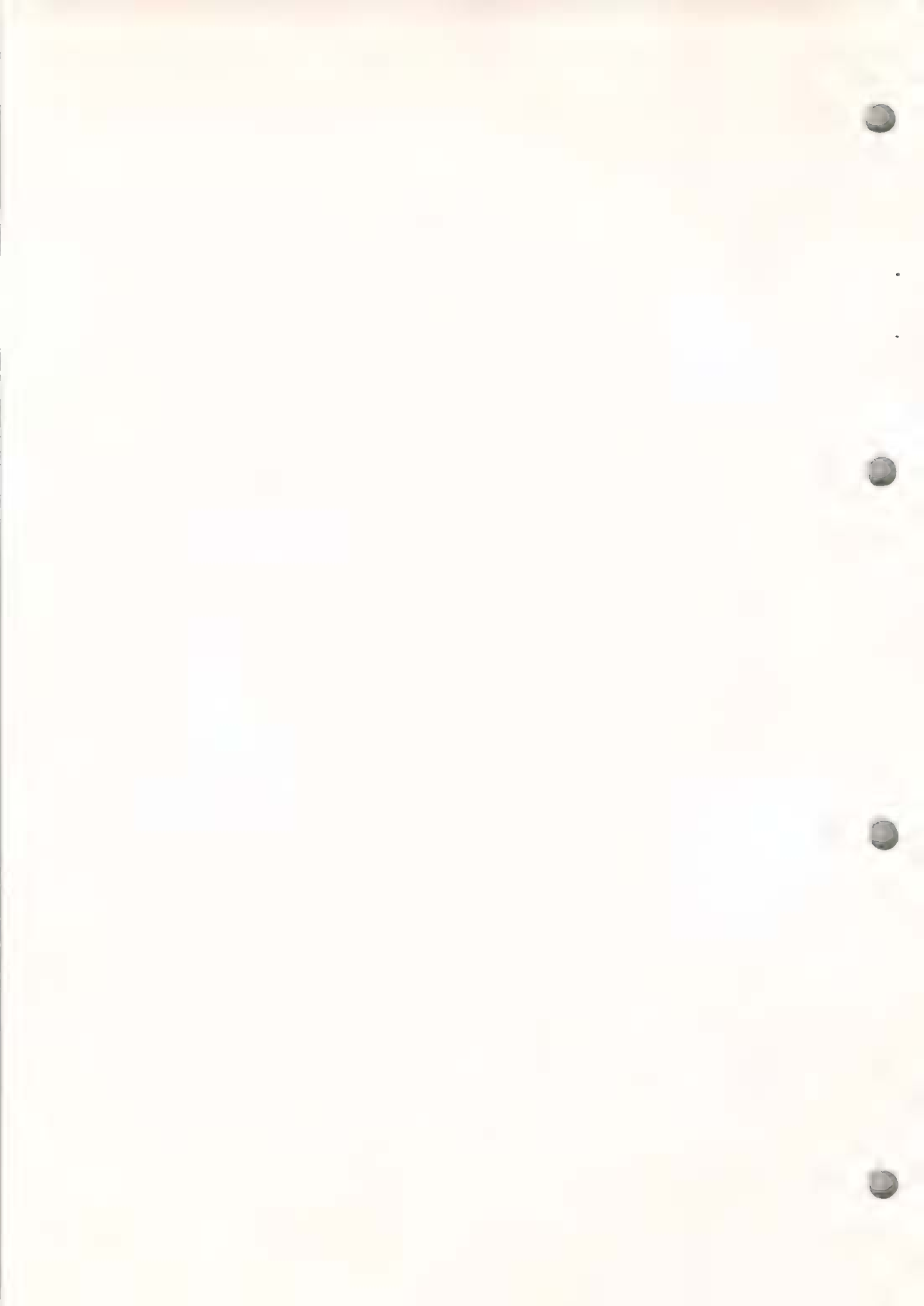
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6A	Full Ceremonial Dress (warm-weather areas) (1)	Hat — No 1 SD Jacket and Trousers — No 6A Dress (White) Shirt — White, collarless Cuff links — Plain gold Sash — Air Officer (AVM and above) Shoulder straps — No 8 Dress Flying badge — Full size, gold/silver wire Socks — Black Shoes — Black, leather soled Oxford Gloves White	Not applicable	(1) This order of dress is scaled for officers holding specified appointments. Optional for other officers, at their personal expense.
6B	Parade Dress (warm-weather areas)	Hat — No 1 SD Bush jacket — Stone, short sleeve. Anodized buttons and buckle Trousers or shorts, as ordered Socks — Black with trousers Stockings — Stone with shorts Shoes — (Black, leather soled Oxford or DMS.)	Hat — No 1 SD Bush jacket — Stone, short sleeve. Anodized buttons and buckle Trousers or shorts, as ordered Socks — Black with trousers Stockings — Stone with shorts Shoes — DMS	This is parade dress for officers when swords are not required.

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7A	Working Dress, Long trousers, (warm-weather areas) (1)	Hat — No 1 SD (2) Shirt — Stone, long sleeve Trousers — Stone Tie — Black Belt — Trouser, blue/grey (4) Socks — Black Shoes — Black, leather soled Oxford or DMS(5)	Hat — No 1 SD (3) Shirt — Stone, long sleeve Trousers — Stone Tie — Black Belt — Trouser, blue/grey (4) Socks — Black Shoes — DMS(5)	(1) Bush jacket with black buttons and buckle may be ordered for semi-formal wear. (2) Optional — Field service cap. RAF Regiment officers only may wear beret. (3) Optional — Field service cap or beret. (4) Optional — Stable belt. (5) Optional — Desert boots of locally approved pattern and colour.
7B	Working Dress, Shorts (warm-weather areas) (1)	Hat — No 1 SD (2) Shirt — Stone, short sleeve (4) Shorts — Stone Stockings — Stone Shoes — Black, leather soled Oxford or DMS (5) Belt — Trousers, blue/grey (6)	Hat — No 1 SD (3) Shirt — Stone, short sleeve (4) Shorts — Stone Stockings — Stone Shoes — DMS(5) Belt — Trousers, blue/grey (6)	(1) Bush jacket with black buttons and buckle may be ordered for semi-formal wear. (2) Optional — Field service cap. RAF Regiment officers only may wear beret. (3) Optional — Field service cap or beret. (4) Optional — Long sleeve shirt (sleeves rolled) or for entitled tradesmen — jacket overall, tropical (working areas only). (5) Optional — Desert boots of locally approved pattern and colour. (6) Optional — Stable belt.
8	Mess Dress (warm-weather areas)	Hat — No 1 SD Jacket — Mess, white Trousers — No 5A Dress (2)	<i>Warrant officers and SNCOs (1)</i> Jacket — Officer pattern No 8 (3) Trousers — As for No 5 Dress (2)	(1) Optional — At personal expense. (2) Optional — Trousers of No 5A pattern/colour in lightweight material. (3) Tailored for wear without shoulder straps (specification at para 0307).

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		<p>Cummerbund – Light blue, pleated</p> <p>Shirt – White, marcella collar attached</p> <p>Cuff links – Plain gold</p> <p>Tie – Black, bow</p> <p>Socks – Black</p> <p>Shoes – Black, evening</p>	<p>Cummerbund – Blue/grey</p> <p>Shirt – White, plain, collar attached, or marcella</p> <p>Tie – Black, bow</p> <p>Socks – Black</p> <p>Shoes – Black, evening</p> <p><i>All ranks</i> – As for No 4 Dress without jacket (4). NCOs to display rank on white shoulder straps (3).</p>	<p>(4) Optional – Blue/grey cummerbund.</p>
8A	Red Sea Rig	<p>Hat – No 1 SD</p> <p>Shirt – White, short sleeve (1)</p> <p>Shoulder straps – No 8 Dress</p> <p>Trousers – No 1 or No 5A/B Dress (2)</p> <p>Cummerbund – Light blue, pleated</p> <p>Socks – Black</p> <p>Shoes – Black, evening</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>An informal variant of No 8 Dress, currently only applicable to RAF officers serving in HM ships or Naval shore establishments.</p> <p>(1) Naval officers' pattern (illustrated in Plate 14).</p> <p>(2) Optional – Trousers of 5A/B pattern/colour in lightweight material.</p>

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9	Established Bands Full Dress (temperate climate)	Hat - Ceremonial (DOM) Jacket - Full Dress, blue/grey Overalls - Blue/grey Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - Plain gold Sash - Director of Music Socks - Black Boots - Wellington Gloves - White Coat (3)	Hat - Ceremonial (Musician) (1) Jacket/trousers, - Ceremonial Dress (Musician) Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - 22 ligne RAF buttons Dress Cord - Musician Socks - Black Boots - George Coat (3)	(1) Busby is worn on marching/playing occasions. (2) Principal Director of Music (PDM) wears the Air officers' sash. (3) Dress greatcoat or ceremonial cape as ordered. Note: Cape will be superseded by Musician's raincoat.
10	Established Bands Undress (temperate climate)	Hat - Ceremonial (DOM) Frock Coat - DOM Overalls - Blue/grey barathea Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - Plain gold Gloves - White Sash - Director of Music (1) Socks - Black	Warrant Officer Bandmasters only: Hat - Ceremonial (Musician) Frock Coat - Bandmaster Trousers - Blue/grey Barathea Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - 22 ligne RAF buttons Gloves - White	(1) PDM wears the Air officers' sash. (2) Full dress greatcoat, as ordered. (3) Dress greatcoat or ceremonial cape as ordered. Note: Cape will be superseded by Musician's raincoat.

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		Boots - Wellington Coat (2)	Sash - Light blue Socks - Black Boots - George Coat (3)	
11 Established Bands (warm-weather ceremonial)		Hat - Ceremonial (DOM) Jacket - White (1) Trousers - White (1) Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - Plain gold Shoulder straps - No 8 Dress Sash - Director of Music(2) Gloves - White Socks - Black Boots - Wellington	Hat - Ceremonial (Musician) Jacket - White (1) Trousers - White (1) Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - 22 ligne RAF buttons Shoulder knots - No 9 Dress Dress Cord - Musician Socks - Black Boots - George	(1) All ranks pattern. (2) PDM wears the Air officers' sash.



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