

GUIDE TO CORRECT ORDER OF DRESS IN TEMPERATE AREAS

Serial No	Function/Occasion	Order of Dress (See Note 1)		Airmen and Airwomen	Officers	c	d	e	Orders, Decorations and Medals	By those entitled	Aiguilletes	Remarks
		Sword and Associated Equipment (see Note 2)	Decorations and Medals									
a	b	c		d	e	f	g	h				
1	a. State visits. b. Reception party c. Guards of honour and route lining	Full ceremonial day	Full ceremonial day	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	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	a. Reception party Royal visits. b. Other participants c. Spectators	1. Formal 2. Semi-formal 3. Informal Non-ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day	Full ceremonial day ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day Non-ceremonial day	- - - 1 1	Yes Optional No No No	Yes Yes No No No	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	If the programme includes a parade and time is available, officers wearing Full ceremonial day dress may change into ceremonial day dress after the ceremony. Swords, orders, decorations and medals may be removed by all concerned. Prior agreement must be obtained from the Household to do this. Advice on dress to be worn during Royal visits is always to be sought from PTC(PI)(Cer)(RAF).
3	Escort to Royalty	Full ceremonial day	Full ceremonial day	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	If less formality is desired, the alternative dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate.

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4	When attending a Royal review as guest in the Royal Yacht or enclosure	-	-		Yes	Yes	Yes	
5	When meeting and greeting or bidding farewell to a member of the Royal Family, a foreign Head of State or a VIP on behalf of the Defence Council or the Air Force Board	-	-		Yes	Yes	Yes	On semi-formal or informal occasions the dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate
6	When representing the Defence Council or the Air Force Board on ceremonial occasions							
7	Guards at Royal residences	Full ceremonial day	1	(see Note 3)	Yes	Yes	-	
8	Funerals a. Service Funerals amounting to State occasions and those sponsored by MOD b. Other Service Funerals	Full Ceremonial Day Ceremonial Day	1 1	(see Note 3)	Yes No	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Black crepe armband (3/4in(8.2cm wide) is to be worn on left arm by officers and warrant officers. Fall bearers are to wear swords slung on ceremonial belts (no sash) (see Note 8). Arm band as in Serial 8a. In exceptional circumstances Full ceremonial day dress may be worn by officers.

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8	c. Private Funerals Service representation	Non-ceremonial day						At the express wish of the next of kin, orders, decorations, medals and black arm bands may be worn in which case officers are to wear Ceremonial Day Dress.				1	No	No	No	
9	Memorial Services	a. Memorial Services sponsored by MOD (including Marshals of the RAF, serving members of the Air Force Board and those who have given exceptional service to the country)	b. Official RAF Services	c. Services organised by Royal Navy and Army	d. Private services	1. Service representatives			Memorial Services	a. Memorial Services sponsored by MOD (including Marshals of the RAF, serving members of the Air Force Board and those who have given exceptional service to the country)	b. Official RAF Services	c. Services organised by Royal Navy and Army	d. Private services	1. Service representatives		
		Full ceremonial day	Non-ceremonial day					Those attending are to conform with the dress worn by the sponsoring Service. See Annexes A and B.	1	1	-	-	No	No	No	Black arm bands are not to be worn. At the express wish of next of kin, orders, decorations and medals may be worn in which case officers are to wear Ceremonial day dress.

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9	2. Attendance in private capacity.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Plain clothes
10	Unveiling statues in London and major cities: a. Official party b. Parade personnel	Full ceremonial day	Full ceremonial day	-	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	On semi-formal and informal occasions and dress indicated in Serial 2 would be appropriate.
11	Sovereign's birthday parades Battle of Britain parades Parades to confer and exercise Freedom's Remembrance Day parades Parades to present a Queen's Colour, Squadron Standard or Personal Banner Graduation and passing out	Full ceremonial day	1 (see Note 4)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The dress for spectators is as indicated in Serial 2. Reviewing or inspecting officers and their staffs are to wear order, 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.
12	Parades on stations (other than those mentioned in Serial 12)	Non-Ceremonial	1	No	No	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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13	Join Service parades	Ceremonial day	1 (see Note 3)	d	e	f	g	h	See remarks in Serial 12.
14	RAF A parades, when taking the salute or attending in an official capacity	Full ceremonial day	-		Yes	Yes	Yes		
15	CCF and ATC parades, when inspecting or reviewing	Full ceremonial day	-		Yes	Yes	Yes		Where the locality of the review calls for less formality Air Marshals may decide to wear non-ceremonial day 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.
16	Guards of Honour	Full Ceremonial Day	1 (see note 3)		Yes	Yes	No		When the guard is mounted by The Queen's Colour Squadron, ceremonial capes may be worn in accordance with Serial 2.

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17	Farnborough air display. Airmen and airwomen attending in organized parties on a 'trade' day	-	I		No	No	No	Also see Annex C Serial 16 regarding attendance in an individual capacity
18	Service weddings, if taking part in an official capacity when uniform is desired			Ceremonial or non-ceremonial day	Optional (see Note 6)	Optional	Yes	See Annex C to this chapter, Serial 12. Swords are not available from Service sources for this purpose, except overseas on prepayment
19	Court balls and Royal evening receptions		4/5	Full ceremonial evening	No	Yes (see Notes 6/7)	Yes	'Decorations' on the invitation card means that order, decorations and medals are to be worn
20	Formal evening functions in mess, on official occasions including those of another Service and guest nights		4/5	Ceremonial evening	No	Yes (see Notes 6/7)	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. When an award of CB/CBE or above has been Gazetted but the insignia not yet presented, a miniature should only be worn if another miniature medal may be worn. Advice from CS(Sec)Id

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21	Dining-in nights	Ceremonial evening	4/5	No	Miniatures only (see Note 7)	No		
22	Station evening functions such as boxing tournaments, airmen's dances, etc	Ceremonial evening	4/5	No	Miniatures only (see Note 6)	No	For functions other than station boxing tournaments, the station commander may order other forms of dress	
23	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 HM The Queen Mother HRH The Duke of Edinburgh HRH The Prince of Wales HRH The Princess of Wales HRH The Duke of York HRH The Prince Edward HRH The Princess Royal	Full ceremonial evening	4/5	No	Yes (see Notes 6/7)	Yes		

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	Remarks									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 precedence over the latter.

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23 (Ctd)	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 Thistle Great Officer of State and of The Queen's Household Lords Mayor and Mayors Lords Provost and Provosts					

1. Matron-in-Chief (PMRAFNS), DNS(RAF) are also scaled to wear No 1A dress. In warm-weather areas the equivalent dress is indicated in para 1011.
2. Airmen/Airwomen participating in ceremonial wear white polyethylene webbing, white gloves, and carry side-arms if appropriate.
3. Airmen/Airwomen in a Queen's Colour party, Squadron Standard party and an escort squadron carry side-arms. All airmen on the parade are to wear white polyethylene webbing and white gloves.
4. 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. Guests should be given the option of wearing uniform.
5. Officers without No 5B Dress are to wear No 4 Dress. When Royalty are present orders, decorations and medals are to be worn, otherwise ribbons only are to be worn with No 4 Dress. See also Chap 7 para 0763.
6. On these occasions PMRAFNS and female officers should wear white gloves.
7. Swords may be dispensed with for members of the congregation not participating in ceremonial.

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