

CHAPTER 10**GUIDE TO CORRECT ORDER OF DRESS WHEN ATTENDING FUNCTIONS AND PARTICIPATING IN CEREMONIAL**

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General

1001. The sponsor of an event will decide the form of dress appropriate to the occasion and whether orders, decorations and medals should be worn. The decision will be influenced by the degree of formality attached to the event. If Royalty attends, the appropriate Household should be consulted through the normal Service channels before a decision on dress is made and details promulgated.

1002. When an invitation card indicates that 'decorations' are to be worn, the event is an official occasion and insignia of orders, decorations and medals are to be worn as indicated in this chapter, ie broad riband, stars, neck badges and full size medals in accordance with entitlement.

Investitures

1003. Serving personnel attending investitures in temperate areas as recipients of awards, or as spectators, are to wear non-ceremonial day dress since the wearing of orders, decorations and medals is not required. Entitled officers are to wear aiguillettes (see **Annex E**). See para 1011 below for dress to be worn in warm-weather areas.

Service Audience with the Sovereign

1004. Officers granted an audience with the Sovereign are to wear ceremonial day dress. Exceptionally, entitled officers may wear aiguillettes and one star. No other orders, decorations or medals are to be worn.

Royal Garden Parties

1005. RAF officers attending Royal Garden parties may, at their own discretion, wear non-ceremonial day dress (without name tags), morning dress or lounge suits. However, officers holding personal appointments (eg ADCs and PSOs), when attending in an official capacity with the senior officer concerned, are to wear non-ceremonial day dress with aiguillettes. Officers holding the following appointments to the Sovereign are encouraged to attend at least one garden party during their term of appointment and are expected to wear uniform on at least one occasion.

- a. Aides-de-camp.
- b. Honorary physicians.
- c. Honorary surgeons.
- d. Honorary dental surgeons.
- e. Honorary chaplains.

This ruling does not apply to personal aides-de-camp, air aides-de-camp or the heads of the women's services holding appointments to the Sovereign.

Launching of ships

1006. The dress when attending the launching of one of Her Majesty's ships is normally non-ceremonial day dress, since the wearing of orders, decorations and medals is inappropriate. When a member of the Royal Family participates, No 1 dress with one star (no other orders, decorations, medals or sword) and aiguilletes, subject to entitlement, may be prescribed for RAF officers attending in an official capacity.

State and Court Functions, Joint Service Parades

1007. To ensure personnel of the three Services wear the equivalent orders of dress at State and Court functions and when participating in Joint Services parades, particularly in the presence of the Royal Family, the Joint Service Officers' Ceremonial Dress Tables are at **Annexes A and B**. These tables are based on the following categories:

- a. Full ceremonial dress - on very formal occasions.
- b. Ceremonial dress - when an element of formality is appropriate.
- c. Non-ceremonial dress - on informal occasions.

The dress to be worn on these occasions in temperate areas is indicated in **Annex A** to this chapter, while **Annex B** deals with warm-weather areas. The order of dress given in column b of the table, ie full ceremonial day dress (with or without a sword) should be quoted when promulgating the dress to be worn.

RAF Service Weddings

1008. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to decide whether those attending in an official capacity at an RAF wedding should wear uniform and also whether guests should be given the option of wearing uniform or plain clothes.

Civilian Functions

1009. At civilian and other functions, when the order of dress is not specified and it is known that more than one RAF officer will be attending in uniform, the senior RAF officer is to decide on the dress to be worn and inform the other RAF officers attending of his decision.

Presentation of Degrees Ceremony

1010. Officers attending a presentation of degrees ceremony are to wear No 1 dress with academic dress (including academic hat).

Other Ceremonial Events

1011. A guide to the correct order of dress to be worn by those attending other events in an individual capacity in temperate areas is given at **Annex C** to this chapter. **Annex D** details the dress for those participating in RAF ceremonial and events other than in an individual capacity. The equivalent dress to be worn in warm-weather areas is as follows:

	Temperate	Warm-weather
a.	No 1 dress	No 6 or 6 B dress. No 6 dress is to be worn by officers when required to wear a sword and on occasions when stars and neck badges are being worn. Airmen in special appointments also wear No 6 dress on these occasions.
b.	No 1A dress	No 6A dress
c.	Nos 5, 5A and 5B dresses	No 8 dress
d.	No 9 dress)	No 11 dress
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e.	No 10 dress)	

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