

ORDERS OF DRESS - RAF-(MALE)

Dress No a	Short description b	Officer c	Airman d	Notes/Remarks e
1	Service dress (SD) (1)	Hat - No 1 SD Jacket and - No 1 SD trousers Shirt - Wedgewood blue Tie - Black Socks - Black Shoes - Black, leather soled Oxford Gloves - Brown leather(2) white with sword Coat (4)	Hat - No 1 SD Jacket and - No 1 SD trousers Shirt - Wedgewood blue Tie - Black Socks - Black Shoes - DMS Gloves - Knitted blue/grey (3) or white ordered Coat (4)	(1) This order of dress is reserved for ceremonial and other formal occasions, as ordered. (2) In accordance with para 0209. (3) Black leather gloves are being issued to new entrants and on a wastage basis. (4) Greatcoats or raincoats may be ordered (see para 0212).
1A	Full Ceremonial Dress	As for No 1 SD with white gloves plus Sash - Air Officer Ceremonial shoulder straps	Not applicable	Applicable to A VM and above

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2B	Routine dress (summer)	<p>Hat - No 1 SD Hat (1)</p> <p>Trousers - No 2 dress or lightweights</p> <p>Belt - Blue/grey or optional stable belt</p> <p>Shirt - Wedgwood blue, short sleeved</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - Black leather soled Oxford or DMS</p>	<p>Hat - No 1 SD Hat (2)</p> <p>Trousers - No 2 dress or lightweights</p> <p>Belt - Blue/grey or optional stable belt</p> <p>Shirt - Wedgwood blue, short sleeved</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - DMS</p>	<p>(1) Optional - Field service cap. RAF Regt officers only may wear beret.</p> <p>(2) Optional - Beret or field service cap.</p>
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2C	Routine dress (all year)	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - No 1 SD Hat (1) Trousers - No 2 dress or lightweight Belt - Blue/grey or optional stable belt Shirt - Dark blue Socks - Black Shoes - DMS Gloves - Knitted blue/grey or black leather (2) Coat (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Optional - Beret or field service cap. (2) Optional - for warmth or protection
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3	Combat clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - Beret Smock - DPM Trousers - DPM Jersey - OD Shirt - OD Boots - High leg Smock - DPM waterproof (1) Trousers - DPM waterproof (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - Beret Smock - DPM Trousers - DPM Jersey - OD Shirt - OD Boots - High leg Smock - DPM waterproof (1) Trousers - DPM waterproof (1) 	<p>No 3 dress, as ordered by the station commander is routine dress for RAF Regiment personnel. There are tropical and arctic variations for persons so scaled</p> <p>(1) For wear in inclement weather.</p>
3A	Combat clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - Beret Trousers - DPM (1) Jersey - OD Shirt - OD Boots - High leg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - Beret Trousers - DPM (1) Jersey - OD Shirt - OD Boots - High leg 	<p>(1) RAF Regiment personnel may wear OG trousers as routine wear</p>

3B	Combat clothing	<p>Hat - Beret</p> <p>Trousers - DPM (1)</p> <p>Shirt - OD (2)</p> <p>Boots - High leg</p>	<p>Hat - Beret</p> <p>Trousers - DPM (1)</p> <p>Shirt - OD (2)</p> <p>Boots - High leg</p>	<p>(1) RAF Regiment personnel may wear OG trousers as routine wear.</p> <p>(2) During summer months the sleeves of the shirt should be rolled to a 8 cm cuff above the elbow.</p>
4	Mess dress (1)(2)	<p>No 1 Service dress excepting:</p> <p>Shirt - White</p> <p>Tie - Black bow</p> <p>Shoes - Black (3)</p>	As for Officers	<p>(1) This is interim mess dress for officer cadets and officers who have not received scaled No 5 dress.</p> <p>(2) It is an optional form of mess dress for non-regular officers with the exception of those serving on Class 1 commissions, and for airmen of all ranks.</p> <p>(3) Optional - leather soled black Oxford.</p>

5	Mess dress	<p>Hat - No 1 SD</p> <p>Jacket - Mess dress blue/grey</p> <p>Trousers - Mess dress blue/grey</p> <p>Waistcoat - Blue/grey (5B dress)</p> <p>Shirt - White marcella</p> <p>Dress studs (1)</p> <p>Cuff links - Plain gold</p> <p>Tie - Black bow</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - Black evening</p> <p>Gloves - Brown leather</p> <p>Coat (2)</p>	<p><i>Optional for Wos and SNCOs</i></p> <p>Hat - No 1 SD</p> <p>Jacket - Mess dress blue/grey</p> <p>Trousers - Mess dress blue/grey</p> <p>Cummerbund - blue/grey</p> <p>Shirt - White marcella</p> <p>Cuff links - Plain gold</p> <p>Tie - Black bow</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - Black evening</p> <p>Gloves - Brown leather</p> <p>Coat (2)</p>	<p>(1) Plain gold or gold type.</p> <p>(2) As required. Greatcoat or raincoat</p>
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5A	Mess dress (Full ceremonial evening)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - No 1 SD Jacket - Mess dress blue/grey Trousers - Mess dress blue/grey Waistcoat - White Shirt - White, stiff Collar - White, wing, stiff (3) Dress studs (1) Tie - Black bow Socks - Black Shoes - Black evening Gloves - Brown leather Coat (2) 	Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Plain gold or gold type. (2) As required. Greatcoat or raincoat (3) Restricted use. Air Cdrs and above provide waistcoat, shirt and collar at personal expense. Cpt capt and below attending a function in 5A dress may claim in accordance with GAI 6021 para26.
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6	Service dress (1) (warm weather areas)	<p>Hat - No 1 SD</p> <p>Jacket - No 6 SD, Stone</p> <p>Trousers - No 6 SD, Stone</p> <p>Shirt - Stone, Long sleeved.</p> <p>Tie - Black</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - Black, leather soled, Oxford</p> <p>Gloves - White, only if a sword is carried.</p>	<p>Hat - No 1 SD</p> <p>Jacket - No 6 SD, Stone (2)</p> <p>Trousers - No 6 SD, Stone</p> <p>Shirt - Stone, Long sleeved.</p> <p>Tie - Black</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - DMS</p> <p>Gloves - White, as ordered</p>	<p>(1) This order of dress is reserved for ceremonial and other formal occasions, as ordered.</p> <p>(2) Issue of this uniform to warrant officers and armen is restricted to particular SDL postings and for important ceremonies overseas</p>
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6A	Full ceremonial dress (Warm weather areas)(1)	Hat - No 1 SD Jacket - No 6A dress (White) 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 Socks - Black Shoes - Black, leather soled Oxford Gloves - White	Not applicable	(1) This order of dress is scaled for officers holding specific appointments. Optional for other officers at their own expense.
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7A	Routine dress, long trousers (warm weather areas)(1)	<p>Hat - No 1 SD (2)</p> <p>Shirt - Stone, long sleeved</p> <p>Trousers - Stone</p> <p>Tie - Black</p> <p>Belt - Trousers, blue/grey(4)</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - Black, leather soled</p>	<p>Hat - No 1 SD (3)</p> <p>Shirt - Stone, long sleeved</p> <p>Trousers - Stone</p> <p>Tie - Black</p> <p>Belt - Trousers, blue/grey(4)</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - DMS</p>	<p>(1) Bush jacket with black buttons may be ordered for semi-formal occasions.</p> <p>(2) Optional-Field service cap. RAF Regiment officers only may wear beret.</p> <p>(3) Optional-Field service cap or beret.</p> <p>(4) Optional-Stable belt.</p> <p>(5) Optional-desert boots.</p>
6B	Parade dress (warm weather areas)	<p>Hat - No 1 SD</p> <p>Bush jacket - Stone, short sleeved with anodized buttons and buckle</p> <p>Trousers or shorts as ordered</p> <p>Socks - Black with trousers.</p> <p>Stockings - Stone with shorts.</p> <p>Shoes - Black, leather soled Oxfords.</p>	<p>Hat - No 1 SD</p> <p>Bush jacket - Stone, short sleeved with anodized buttons and buckle.</p> <p>Trousers or shorts as ordered</p> <p>Socks - Black with trousers.</p> <p>Stockings - Stone with shorts.</p> <p>Shoes - DMS</p>	<p>This is parade dress for officers when swords are not required.</p>

7B	Routine dress, shorts (warm weather areas)	<p>Hat - No 1 SD (2)</p> <p>Shirt - Stone, short sleeved(4)</p> <p>Shorts - Stone</p> <p>Belt - Trousers, blue/grey(5)</p> <p>Stockings - Stone</p> <p>Shoes - Black, leather soled Oxford or DMS(6)</p>	<p>Hat - No 1 SD (3)</p> <p>Shirt - Stone, Short sleeved</p> <p>Shorts - Stone</p> <p>Belt - Trousers, blue/grey(5)</p> <p>Stockings - Stone</p> <p>Shoes - DMS(6)</p>	<p>(1) Bush jacket with black buttons may be ordered for semi-formal occasions.</p> <p>(2) Optional-Field service cap. RAF Regiment officers only may wear beret.</p> <p>(3) Optional-Field service cap or beret.</p> <p>(4) Optional-jacket, overall, topical, for entitled tradesmen in working areas only.</p> <p>(5) Optional-Stable belt.</p> <p>(6) Optional desert boots.</p>
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<p>8</p>	<p>Mess dress (warm weather areas)</p>	<p>Hat - No 1 SD Jacket - Mess, white Trousers - No 5A dress (2) Cummerbund - Light blue pleated Shirt - White, marcella, collar attached Cuff links - Plain gold Tie - Black, bow Socks - Black Shoes - Black, evening</p>	<p><i>Warrant officers and SNCOs</i> (1) Hat - No 1 SD Jacket - Officer pattern No 8(3) Trousers - No 5 dress (2) Cummerbund - Blue grey Shirt - White, marcella, collar attached Cuff links - Plain gold Tie - Black, bow Socks - Black 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.</p>	<p>(1) Optional - At personal expense. (2) Optional - Trousers No 5A pattern/colour in lightweight material. (3) Tailored for wear without shoulder straps. (4) Optional - Blue/grey cummerbund.</p>
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8A	Red Sea Rig	<p>Hat - No 1 SD</p> <p>Shirt - White, short sleeved</p> <p>Shoulder straps - No 8 dress</p> <p>Trousers - No 1 or No 5A/B dress (2) <i>silk green</i></p> <p>Cummerbund - Light blue pleated</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Shoes - Black, evening</p>	<p>Not applicable</p> <p><i>NSN 840599 130940016</i></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.</p> <p>(2) Optional - Trousers of No 5A/B pattern/colour in lightweight material.</p>
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9	Established bands Full dress (temperate climates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - Ceremonial (DOM) (1) Jacket - Full dress, blue/grey Overalls - Blue/grey Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - Plain gold Sash - Director of Music (2) Socks - Black Boots - Wellington Gloves - White Coat(3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - Ceremonial, musician Jacket/Trousers - Ceremonial dress (Musicians) Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - 22 ligne buttons Dress cord - Musician Socks - Black Boots - George Coat (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Busby is worn on marching/laying occasions. (2) Principle Director of Music (PDM) wears the Air Officers' sash. (3) dress greatcoat or ceremonial cape as ordered.
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10	Established Bands Undress (temperate climates)	<p>Hat - Ceremonial (DOM)</p> <p>Frock coat - DOM</p> <p>Overalls - Blue/grey barthea</p> <p>Shirt - White collarless</p> <p>Cuff links - Plain gold</p> <p>Sash - Director of Music (1)</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Boots - Wellington</p> <p>Gloves - White</p> <p>Coat (2)</p>	<p>Hat - Ceremonial, musician</p> <p>Frock coat - Bandmaster</p> <p>Trousers - Blue grey, barthea</p> <p>Shirt - White, collarless</p> <p>Cuff links - 22 ligne buttons</p> <p>Sash - Light blue</p> <p>Gloves - White</p> <p>Socks - Black</p> <p>Boots - George</p> <p>Coat (3)</p>	<p>(1) PDM wears the Air Officers' sash.</p> <p>(2) Full dress greatcoat as ordered.</p> <p>(3) Dress greatcoat or ceremonial cape as ordered.</p>
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11	Established Bands (warm weather ceremonial)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Gloves - White Socks - Black Boots - Wellington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hat - Ceremonial (Musician) Jacket - White (1) Trousers - White (1) Shirt - White, collarless Cuff links - 22 ligne buttons Shoulder knots - No 9 dress Dress cord - Musician Socks - Black Boots - George 	
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