

ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

The following list, extracted (and amended as at 1 January 95) from the Memorandum issued by the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood on 28 October 1983 gives the order of precedence in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn in the United Kingdom, certain countries of the Commonwealth and in the Overseas Territories. It in no way affects the precedence conferred by the Statutes of certain Orders upon the Members thereof.

Victoria Cross (VC)*

George Cross (GC)*

British Orders of Knighthood Etc

Order of the Garter (KG)* (Note 1)

Order of the Thistle (KT)* (Note 1)

Order of the Bath (Class I - Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCB)*

Order of Merit (OM)* (Note 2)

Order of St Michael and St George (Class I - Knight-Dame Grand Cross) (GCMG)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class I - Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GCVO)*

Order of the British Empire (Class I - Knight/Dame Grand Cross) (GBE)*

Order of the Bath (Class II - Knight/Dame Commander) (KCB/DCB)*

Order of St Michael and St George (Class II - Knight/Dame Commander) (KCMG/DCMG)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class II - Knight/Dame Commander) (KCVO/DCVO)*

Order of the British Empire (Class II - Knight/Dame Commander) (KBE/DBE)*

Order of the Companion of Honour (CH)*

Order of the Bath (Class III - Companion) (CB)*

Order of St Michael and St George (Class III - Companion) (CMG)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class III - Commander) (CVO)*

Order of the British Empire (Class III - Commander) (CBE)*

Distinguished Service Order (DSO)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class IV - Lieutenant) (LVO)*

Royal Victorian Order (Class V - Member) (MVO)*

Order of the British empire (Class V - Member) (MBE)*

Baronet's Badge (The Badge is worn suspended round the neck by the ribbon in the same manner as the neck badge of an order and takes precedence immediately after the Badge of the Order of Merit. it is not worn in miniature and the ribbon is not worn with undress uniform). (Bart or Bt)*

Knight Bachelor's Badge (The Badge is worn suspended round the neck by a ribbon in the same manner as the neck badge of an Order and takes precedence immediately after the Badge of a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire).

Decorations

Royal Red Cross (Class I) (RRC)*
Distinguished service Cross (DSC)*
Military Cross (MC)*
Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)*

Air Force Cross (AFC)*
Royal Red Cross (Class II) (ARRC)*
Order of St John +

Medals for Gallantry and Distinguished Conduct

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC)*
Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)*
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)*
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) (CGM)*
George Medal (GM)*
Queen's Police Medal, for Gallantry*
Queen's Fire Service Medal, for Gallantry*
Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)*
Military Medal (MM)*
Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM)*
Air Force Medal (AFM)*
Medal for Saving Life at Sea
Queen's Gallantry Medal (QGM)*
Royal Victorian Medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze) (RVM)*

British Empire Medal (BEM)*

War Medals (in order of date of campaign for which awarded)

Polar Medals (in order of date)

Coronation and Jubilee Medals

Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation Medal 1953
Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977
Queen Elizabeth II's Long and Faithful Service Medal

Efficiency and Long Service Medals and Decorations

Medal of Meritorious Service (awarded to members of all the Armed Forces from 1st December 1977 and previously to the Army)

The Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)

Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Ulster Defence Regiment)

Territorial Decoration
Efficiency Decoration
Territorial Efficiency Medal
Efficiency Medal
Air Efficiency Award (AE)*

Ulster Defence Regiment Medal*
Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces
Cadet Forces Medal
Royal Observer Corps Medal

Honorary Membership of Commonwealth Orders (instituted by the Sovereign)
Worn in order of date of award

Foreign Orders
Worn in order of date of award (Notes 3 and 4)

Foreign Medals (including all UN and NATO Medals)
Worn in order of date of award (Notes 3 and 4)

Note 1. These Orders are not worn in miniature.

Note 2. The letters "Bart" or "Bt" are shown immediately after the name and before all other post-nominal letters. All those honours marked with * entitle the holder to use the appropriate letters after the name. The Air Efficiency Award and the Ulster Defence Regiment Medal only carry the right to post-nominal letters when awarded to officers

Note 3. The general rule is that non-British insignia should be worn after all British orders, decorations and medals and in order of the dates on which they were conferred. When; however, insignia are worn on occasions specifically connected with the donor country, pride of place should be given to the insignia of that country. On such occasions, the holder of Class I of a foreign or Commonwealth orders should wear its riband and badge in preference to those of his highest British Order and the star of a Foreign or Commonwealth order in a position senior to that in which the highest ranking British Star is worn: lesser orders, decorations and medals should be worn in a position senior to those of equivalent British insignia.

Note 4. These awards may only be worn when the Sovereign's permission has been given.

Note 5. The award marked + is only to be used as a post-nominal when writing on official Order of St John business.



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