

CHAPTER 3

WEARING OF UNIFORM

General

3.1 This chapter gives the general requirements for the wearing of uniforms and explains:

- a. the occasions when uniform is worn,
- b. grooming aspects, and
- c. items of dress.

Alignment of uniform

3.2 Shirts and jackets are to be worn with the button line positioned centrally in front of the body. The outer edge of the buttoned shirt is to be vertically aligned with the trouser fly. The buckles of the trouser belt, ceremonial belt and Sam Browne belt are to be positioned centred with the buttons of jackets and shirts or centrally in the front of the body when wearing sweaters.

Ironing of uniforms

3.3 As a minimum standard all uniforms except Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform (DPCU) field dress are to be ironed free of wrinkles. The collars of short sleeved shirts are to be ironed down flat against the body of the shirt with creases extending upward from the first button/buttonhole below the collar to the base of the collar. The shirt sleeves are to be ironed with a single crease from the centre of the epaulet to the hem or cuff. The yoke of the shirt is to be ironed flat in context with the back of the shirt. No other creases are to be ironed into shirts. Trousers and shorts are to be ironed with a single crease, centrally in the front and rear of each leg. Skirts are not to have any creases.

3.4 DPCU when worn as General Duty Dress (DPCU) are to be clean and lightly pressed to remove wrinkles with the collar ironed flat. No creases are to be ironed into sleeves or back of the uniform and under no circumstances are DPCU garments to be starched.

OCCASIONS

3.5 Orders of dress to be worn on specific occasions are detailed in *Army Standing Order for Dress* (ASOD), volume 2, [chapter 2—'Special appointments/selected personnel'](#). The uniform is worn as follows:

- a. **Ceremonial Dress.** Ceremonial Dress is worn for all ceremonial and State occasions;
- b. **Mess Dress.** Mess Dress is worn for formal and semiformal mess functions and organised balls. A Commanding Officer (CO) may authorise the wearing of equivalent civilian clothes on appropriate occasions;
- c. **DPCU.** DPCU when worn in the barracks environment is referred to as 'General Duty Dress (DPCU)', General Duty Dress (DPCU) may be worn in public. General Duty Dress (DPCU) is mandated across Army as dress of the day, and is authorised as the dress of the day for Army personnel serving in non-Army Groups, at the discretion of respective Army Admin CO. This order of dress can be worn when travelling in public, including domestic civil aircraft. **This dress is also worn on the first working day when reporting for duty on posting.** DPCU should not be worn when Protective Dress could be worn. The DPCU shirt and trousers when worn are to be within reason matching in colour, style and age. Shirts and trousers that do not meet these criteria are not to be worn in the Barracks environment, however, may be worn as field dress;
- d. **Combat and Field Dress.** Combat and Field Dress is worn when on operations, exercises, field related duties and field training;

- e. **Protective Dress.** Protective Dress is worn when engaged in activities involving vehicle maintenance, catering, medical duties and other tasks which may cause damage to other forms of dress, or when required for occupational health and safety (OHS) reasons. Both the DPCU Wet Weather Jacket and Combat Jacket may be worn with this form of dress. Protective Dress is not to be worn in public except when in direct fulfilment of a task so described in this paragraph. Dirty, untidy or spoiled dress is **not** to be worn. Personnel may wear Protective Dress whilst travelling to and from duty/home **inside** a private vehicle or on a motorbike; and
- f. **General Duty Dress (polyesters).** General Duty Dress (polyesters) is worn for attending representational activities only and by exception for a few appointments where polyester uniform is the more appropriate option due to the nature of the appointment.

Members on posting

3.6 Members of the Australian Regular Army (ARA) and Reserve posted or attached to a Unit or Regiment of a corps other than their Parent Corps are to continue to wear the badges of their Parent Corps. Where the gaining unit has a Unit (not Corps) lanyard, the Unit lanyard is to be worn for the tenure of the posting.

Corps of Staff Cadets

3.7 Members of the Corps of Staff Cadets are authorised to wear the Hat Khaki Fur Felt (KFF) with the following variations:

- a. brim down (except when participating as a part of a National Contingent or on ANZAC Day) and the chinstrap buckle on the right-hand side; and
- b. olive drab puggaree.

Royal Australian Armoured Corps, Royal Australian Regiment, Royal Australian Infantry Corps, Australian Army Aviation, Army Reserve Infantry Regiments, University Regiments, Regional Force Surveillance Units and Special Operations Units

3.8 The wearing of regimental badges by Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC), Regiments of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps (RA Inf), Australian Army Aviation (AA Avn), University Regiments (UR), Regional Force Surveillance Units and Special Operations (SO) personnel is to be as follows:

- a. members of the RAAC posted to Regiments of the RAAC, are to wear the uniform and badge of the respective regiment. At all other times, with the exception of an SO posting, the uniform and badge of the RAAC are to be worn;
- b. members of the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) are to wear the badge of that Regiment. On posting from the RAR, members retain the badge of the RAR, however, they are to wear the RA Inf lanyard. If posted to another unit or regiment of the RA Inf which has distinctive badge and/or lanyard, the badge and lanyard is to be adopted. On subsequent postings (to non-RA Inf units) the RAR badge, with the RA Inf lanyard are to be resumed;
- c. both RAR and RA Inf SO personnel who are discharged/transferred from the ARA cease to have an entitlement to wear the RAR/SO badge. Members who subsequently enlist in, or are transferred to, the Reserve Forces are to adopt the badge of the regiment/unit to which they enlist/transfer. If that regiment/unit does not have distinctive badge then they are to wear RA Inf badge;
- d. members of other regiments of the RA Inf are to wear the uniform and badge of that regiment. On posting from that regiment, personnel are to retain the regimental badge with the RA Inf lanyard. If posted to another unit or regiment of the RA Inf, which has distinctive uniform or badge, these are to be adopted. On subsequent postings (to non-RA Inf units) members are to wear the RA Inf badge, with the RA Inf lanyard;

- e. RA Inf members transferring from the Army Reserve to the Regular Army are to wear:
 - (1) previous members of the RAR are to wear the RAR badge. If posted to a unit or regiment of the RA Inf which has distinctive uniform, badge and/or lanyard, these are to be adopted; and
 - (2) members who have not previously been posted to a RAR unit are to wear the RA Inf badge. If posted to a unit or regiment of the RA Inf which has distinctive uniform, badge and/or lanyard, these are to be adopted.
- f. SO personnel from corps other than the RA Inf are to revert to their parent corps' uniform and badge on re-posting from an SO unit, as detailed in [annex A](#) to this chapter;
- g. instructions for embellishments worn by members of SO units are set out in [annex A](#) to this chapter;
- h. Tier C Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) who are no longer in a Tier C appointment are to revert to their corps badge as indicated in [paragraph 3.6](#);
- i. members posted to UR are to maintain their Corps Hat badge, however, are required wear the Unit Colour Patch (UCP) and lanyard of the regiment that they are posted to. officer cadets (OCDT) under training are to wear the UR Hat badge, lanyard and UCP of the UR they are posted to; and
- j. member posted to Training establishment positions (ie Army Recruit Training Centre, Army Logistic Training Centre, WONCO Academy) will maintain their Corps Hat badge and lanyard however, are required to wear the UCP of the unit that a member is posted to.

Restrictions on wearing uniform

3.9 Uniform is not to be worn:

- a. at a meeting or demonstration held for a religious or political purpose other than official duties;
- b. at a civil law court unless authorised by the CO;
- c. where contempt is likely to be directed at the uniform or member ([Defence Act 1903](#), section 84); and
- d. when participating in non-officially recognised activities, unless authorised in writing by an officer formally appointed as a CO or not otherwise below the rank of Colonel.

Dress in the office environment

3.10 A Service Dress jacket, utility jacket or sweater may be removed in an office environment. Jackets or sweaters are to be worn outside the defined office environment.

Dress in Officers, Sergeants' Messes and Soldier's Club

3.11 Dress standards. High standards of dress are to be applied in Officers and Sergeants Messes and Soldiers Clubs to maintain the image and status of Messes, Clubs and customs of the Army. Standards are defined as; presentation, cleanliness, state of good repair and non-offensive.

3.12 Dress style. The style of dress to be worn in Officers and Sergeants Messes and Soldiers Clubs are to be determined by the Supervising Officer, RSM or president of the mess committee and be authorised by the CO of the mess or club. Styles are to reflect the nature of functions or activity, living accommodation geographic location, climate and status of the mess or club. Styles are to be promulgated for specific functions or duration.

3.13 The following styles are not to be worn; singlets, thongs, trousers provided for but worn without belt, obscene or offensive motifs and like items.

Service members visiting messes

3.14 It is the responsibility of Service members to check in advance, the local mess rules and comply with those rules when visiting a mess.

Dress in vehicles

3.15 Personnel in uniform driving or travelling in military or civilian vehicles are not to wear headdress except as laid down in [paragraph 3.75](#).

Dress for physical training

3.16 Members participating in physical training (PT) as part of a formed body are to wear uniform standards of dress as follows:

- a. **Combat or Battle PT.** DPCU with equipment as ordered, with the shirt being replaced by the issued brown T-shirt or a unit approved T-shirt or suitable top for appropriate activities as directed;
- b. **Aerobic.** The issue brown T-shirt, black Army shorts and white socks are worn during the conduct of PT. The unit CO/Officer Commanding (OC) may approve a style and design for PT T-shirt and shorts, to be worn in place of the issued PT attire which members may elect to purchase and wear. Bicycle shorts, if worn, are to be worn under PT shorts. Female members are to wear suitable underwear with PT T-shirts. Approved/authorised headwear is to be worn where appropriate in accordance with [paragraph 3.95](#); and
- c. **Contact sports.** Team uniforms, mouth guards and safety equipment.

3.17 Members participating in individual PT activities during on-duty hours are to wear the appropriate dress for the activity as laid down in [paragraph 3.16](#). Headphones or iPods are not to be worn (other than individual PT inside a gymnasium or designated running tracks away from traffic) under any circumstances whilst undergoing PT.

Motorcycles and bicycles

3.18 A member travelling in uniform on a motorcycle or bicycle must wear individual safety or protective equipment as required by civil law. The prescribed order of dress is to be restored as soon as practicable at the completion of the journey. Headdress should not be worn whilst moving to and from the office to the carpark whilst carrying a motorcycle helmet.

3.19 Servicewomen travelling in uniform on a motorcycle or a bicycle are to wear an order of dress which includes trousers.

Travel on Service aircraft

3.20 Dress for travel on Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Service chartered commercial aircraft or other military aircraft is to be as follows:

- a. **Internal flights.** General Duty Dress (DPCU) is to be worn.
- b. **External flights.** The normal dress for travel on international flights is civilian clothing. Exceptions to this requirement will be advised by RAAF at the initial check-in (one-day prior to flight departure). Civilian dress must conform to the following minimum standards:
 - (1) trousers with belt (may include jeans);
 - (2) shirts with properly formed collars;
 - (3) jackets, pullovers etc as required; and
 - (4) fully enclosed shoes, (sandals and thongs are not to be worn).
- c. **Operational/exercise deployment.** Field Dress is to be worn.

Travel on public or commercial transport within Australia

3.21 General Duty Dress (DPCU) can be worn when travelling in public, including civilian aircraft. When travelling for service reasons on domestic air travel, General Duty Dress or civilian clothing in accordance with paragraph 3.20b. is to be worn. Personnel wearing General Duty Dress (DPCU) on commercial air transport are to conduct themselves in accordance with ASOD, volume 1, chapter 2, paragraph 2.12 and 2.13 and the uniform is to be clean and ironed in accordance with paragraphs 3.3–3.4.

Travel on public or commercial transport outside Australia

3.22 When posted or visiting overseas, a member travelling on duty is to wear civilian clothing in accordance with paragraph 3.20b., unless otherwise authorised.

3.23 While in a foreign country, all ranks are to wear uniform on appropriate occasions when on duty or visiting foreign military establishments. Advice should be sought from the local Australian military or diplomatic representative if there is doubt. Uniform is not to be worn in a foreign country when not on duty.

Military weddings

3.24 Members of the Army are to apply for CO approval to wear uniform at a wedding. If approved, uniform is to be worn as follows:

- a. **Official party.** Dress Order 1 or 6 forms of dress; and
- b. **Service guests.** Civilian clothes or as for official party.

Civilian funerals

3.25 A CO may give approval for a member to wear appropriate uniform at a funeral.

Retired members

3.26 An officer may apply in writing to Chief of Army (CA) or the delegate for approval to use their military title on retirement, however, approval is not automatic. A person granted a military title may, on occasions authorised by CA or delegate, wear the uniform with the 'R' insignia. The granted permission to wear a uniform with the 'R' insignia is to be endorsed on the members separation papers. Officers who have been granted a military title on retirement, or other ranks who have been granted permission by Army Headquarters (AHQ) Director of Personnel Policy—Army (DPP–A) to wear uniform after discharge, may wear, at military ceremonies or military entertainments, uniform appropriate to rank, corps and/or unit in which they last served in the active forces. Retired members are to wear the retired insignia 'R' in accordance with ASOD, volume 2. Authority to wear uniform on other than military occasions is to be sought from AHQ, DPP–A. The 'R' insignia is not worn on DPCU.

3.27 Honorary Colonels, Colonel Commandants and Regimental Colonels are to wear the 'R' insignia in accordance with *Defence Instruction (Army) PERS 99–1—Honorary Colonels/Colonels Commandant, Regimental Colonels, Chaplain Commandant and Honorary Corps Representatives*.

GROOMING ASPECTS

Cosmetics

3.28 Servicewomen in uniform may wear conservative colour and style cosmetics. False eyelashes, heavy eyeliner and excessive facial make-up are not to be worn.

3.29 Except where OHS regulations conflict, only nail varnish or French polishing which is colourless/clear is permitted. No other colours are to be worn.

3.30 Cosmetics and nail varnish are not to be worn in the field.

Fingernails

3.31 Fingernails of servicemen are to be kept clean and neatly trimmed at all times and not to extend beyond the tip of the thumb/finger. Fingernails of servicewomen are to be kept clean and neatly trimmed and are not to extend further than five millimetres beyond the tip of the thumb/finger.

HAIR

Beards

3.32 Male personnel are to be clean shaven daily whilst on barracks, prior to first parade; except when authorised to wear a beard. Beards are only to be worn by:

- a. a member who is posted as the Pioneer Sergeant of 2nd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment;
- b. a member who is certified on medical grounds by a medical officer not to shave;
- c. a member who is granted permission by a CO on religious grounds;
- d. members who are authorised by a CO to grow a beard for operational or exercise specific, requirements;
- e. a member who is on authorised leave off barracks; and
- f. members who are authorised by their CO to grow facial hair in support of a charitable cause (to specify start and end dates).

3.33 When worn, beards are to be kept neatly trimmed with the whisker length not greater than two centimetres and tapered to blend with the hairstyle. No area of the face is to be shaved when a beard is worn.

Hair—servicemen

3.34 Hair on the head of servicemen is to be:

- a. neatly groomed at all times;
- b. taper trimmed from bare skin with the back, sides and above the ears blending with the hairstyle. The taper at the back is to commence above and parallel to the top of the shirt collar when buttoned;
- c. worn short enough so that when hair is groomed and headdress is removed, no hair touches the ears or collar or extends below the top of the eyebrows;
- d. cut and groomed so that the bulk of hair on top of the head is not greater than four centimetres with the bulk decreasing gradually from the top and blending with the taper trimmed sides and back. (Bulk is defined as the distance that the mass of hair protrudes from the scalp when groomed as distinct from the length of hair.);
- e. styled in a manner which does not interfere with the proper wearing of any military headdress or protective equipment; and
- f. hair on the neck, below and to the sides of the taper, is to be kept trimmed/shaved.

3.35 Radical hairstyles, such as (mohawk, stepped, layered) foils, streaked, bleached, unnatural or extreme colours or combinations of colours are not permitted. A clean shaven head or close cropped hair (ie number one cut) is permissible.

3.36 Sideburns worn by servicemen are to:

- a. extend no lower than the point where the ear lobe joins the face;
- b. be squared off in a horizontal line at the bottom edge; and
- c. be evenly taper trimmed to blend with the hairstyle and are to be an even width, not exceeding 4 cm.

Hair—servicewomen

3.37 Hair on the head is to be:

- a. neatly groomed at all times,
- b. groomed so that it does not fall below the eyebrows or extend below the lower edge of the buttoned shirt collar, and
- c. styled so that hair does not interfere with the proper wearing of any military headdress or protective equipment.

3.38 Hair colouring is not to be extreme. Foils, streaked, bleached, unnatural or extreme colours are not permitted. A relatively natural appearance is to be maintained.

3.39 Radical styles are prohibited. Such styles include step haircuts, mohawks or styles which have an uncombed appearance.

3.40 Hair accoutrements are to be of a similar colour to the hair. Acceptable accoutrements are hair combs, clips, nets, elastic bands, hair pins and bun pieces and for PT and scrunchies.

3.41 Long hair is to be tied back in a bun, worn braided, single plait or in a method which secures the hair to the head (ie a French braid, French roll or a bun etc) which is to be pinned up against the head and is not to extend below the top of the collar. The braid or plait may only be worn loose when on field exercises at the discretion of the unit commander. For PT activities a ponytail is permitted, however, for battle PT the ponytail is to be tied off at the bottom.

Moustaches

3.42 Moustaches worn by servicemen are to be neatly trimmed and are not to exceed two centimetres in length. Handlebar and similar styles are not permitted unless authorised for specific purposes. Except when authorised for charitable activities as detailed in this paragraph, no part of the moustache is to extend below the top lip or the corners of the mouth. CO's may authorise in writing members of their unit to grow moustaches in support of a charitable cause that do not comply with the above. When the moustaches authorised may exceed two centimetres and over the top lip but may not join to side burns or form a goatee style beard. Handlebar and similar styles are permitted. When authorising these events a CO must comply with the following caveats:

- a. members are not to be involved in any Representational ceremonial duties;
- b. it must be a nationally recognised charity event (Blue September, Movember, Bandana Day etc);
- c. CO's must give written permission to individuals to undertake a specific event for a fixed period of time specify start and end duties; and
- d. there must be no damage to Army's reputation as a result of the event.

Wigs

3.43 The wearing of a wig or hairpiece by personnel in uniform is not permitted except to cover natural baldness or physical disfiguration caused by accident or medical procedure. When worn, a wig or hairpiece is to conform to the standard criteria for hair.

Jewellery

3.44 Jewellery is not to be worn by personnel in uniform with the exception of wrist watches, medic alert bracelets, engagement, wedding, eternity and signet rings. A signet ring is defined as one which has a private seal, crest, initials or signature set in the face.

Rings

3.45 Engagement, wedding and or eternity rings are to be worn together on the same finger. Only a single ring of each other type is permitted and is to be worn on the middle, ring or little finger of either hand. Where there is a risk of injury, rings should be removed or taped.

Earrings

3.46 Piercing of the ears is not to cause any abnormal disfigurement or deformity of the ears. Only ear piercing that allows the wearing of earrings in accordance with [paragraph 3.47](#) is allowed.

3.47 Servicewomen, when in uniform, (other than Mess Dress) may wear a single keeper, stud type earring of plain gold or silver with an orb not greater than five millimetres in diameter, in the lobe of each ear. When in Mess Dress females may wear a single stud type earring of plain gold, silver or decorative style pearl or gem stone not greater than five millimetres. No other type of earring is to be worn.

3.48 Servicemen are not permitted to wear ear jewellery of any type during 'on-duty' hours whether in uniform or civilian clothing or when representing the Defence Force wearing military uniform, sporting or civilian attire (servicemen in civilian attire carrying military equipment, luggage and/or clothing are deemed to be representing the Defence Force). Servicemen are not to wear ear jewellery at anytime whilst on Defence establishments.

Body Piercing

3.49 Body piercing is not to cause any unsightly/abnormal disfigurement or deformity of any part of the body.

3.50 Members are not permitted to wear any form of body piercing adornment on duty or on Defence establishments when off duty. The exception is for servicewomen who, when on duty may wear one matching stud in the lobe of each ear, and when off duty, on a Defence establishment, may wear one earring in the lobe of each ear.

Watches

3.51 Watches or watch bands are not to be worn when they may create a safety hazard. Brightly coloured watches or watch bands are not permitted. Pocket watches with visible chains are not to be worn with uniform. On a ceremonial parade a watch is not to be worn by any member and identification or medical alert bracelets are not to be visible.

3.52 No form of visible adornment other than those specified in ASOD is permitted.

Tattoos

3.53 Members are prohibited from obtaining tattoos on the hands, neck, face, ears or scalp. If for religious reasons members are required to obtain tattoos on these areas approval is first to be sought in writing from Director-General Personnel—Army.

ITEMS OF DRESS

General

3.54 The following paragraphs describe the wearing or use of particular items of dress which apply to all ranks.

Audio and video equipment

3.55 Wearing headphones and/or earplugs for recreational audio or video equipment is prohibited in any form of uniform except in authorised or programmed rest periods. They are not to be worn when moving around the unit area or in public when in uniform. They may be worn when conducting individual PT in accordance with [paragraph 3.17](#).

Backpacks and Camelbaks

3.56 Issued echelon/dive bags are to be carried in the left hand and are not to be carried over the shoulder.

3.57 Sports bags, Backpacks and Camelbaks in DPCU pattern, plain black, olive drab or tan, with a small manufacturers logo, if affixed, may be worn with General Duty Dress (DPCU) or PT attire. Packs are to be worn centrally on the back using both shoulder straps. When carried, the pack is to be carried in the left hand. Packs may be worn with other forms of dress on motorcycles/bicycles but must be removed on dismounting

3.58 Camelbaks are not to be worn in the office environment or whilst travelling in public.

Briefcases

3.59 Briefcases carried when wearing uniform are to be black, brown or silver in colour. When carried they are to be in the left hand.

Canes

3.60 A cane, not exceeding 60 centimetres in length, may be carried by Warrant Officers and Senior Non-commissioned Officers when not on parade and by Junior Non-commissioned Officers when ordered. They are to be carried in accordance with the *Drill Manual*.

Communications equipment

3.61 Pagers and mobile telephones may be carried or worn. These items are not to be worn with ceremonial or parade orders of dress. When worn with uniform they are to be attached to the belt at the left-hand side of the body. These items should be removed from the belt prior to fastening seat belts and/or driving a vehicle. Communication equipment is not worn on Sam Browne Belts.

Cuff links

3.62 Cuff links of a Unit, Corps or Service design may be worn with mess orders of dress. The items should be conservative in style and colour and are not provided at public expense.

Footwear

3.63 Only approved patterns of footwear are to be worn. Shoes, Court shoes and boots worn with general duty orders of dress are to be brushed polished black leather or black patent leather, and in good repair, while boots worn with ceremonial orders of dress are to be highly polished. Court shoes are to be black in colour and have no decorative trimmings or stitching. The issue Black shoe has been removed as an Initial Free Issue but may continue to be worn until 31 December 2014. The Black shoe may continue to be purchased for the Area Clothing store until stock run out.

3.64 When in Ceremonial Parade Dress the issue Parade boots is to be worn.

3.65 Elastic sided black leather ankle boots, Black shoes or Court shoes are authorised to be worn with General Duty Dress (Polyesters), General Duty Service Dress and Mess Dress. The following styles of Elastic sided black leather ankle boots are suitable for both male and females and are approved to be worn and will be reviewed periodically:

- a. **R.M. Williams.** Dress Craftsman, Dress Wentworth, Dress Tambo, Dress Jodhpur, Dress Gardener and Dress Blaxland Craftsman; and
- b. **Baxter.** Rider, Charles, Henry Baxter, Drover and Horseman.

3.66 The combat boots when worn with DPCU are not to be polished but treated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Soldiers may purchase, at their own expense, authorised brands of boots (in accordance with the CA's Directives as detailed on the Army web) of similar colour as the in-service combat boot. **These are to be worn only while conducting battle PT, on exercise or operations.** Except TAG operations, black boots are not acceptable and are not to be worn. Descriptions and pictures of these boots can be found at the following site: <http://intranet.defence.gov.au/armyweb/sites/DLOGA/comweb.asp?page=222170>.

3.67 Safety boots or shoes may be worn with Protective Dress. Safety boots may also be worn with DPCU, but only when the nature of the task demands them.

3.68 This instruction overrides any manufacture's directions. All footwear is to be laced as follows:

- a. the initial lace is to be horizontal across the inside of the footwear through the lowest eyelets on each side of the boot/shoe;
- b. subsequent laces are to continue diagonally, outside over inside, upwards through all eyelets, to the top of the boot/shoe; and
- c. laces are tied neatly at the top of the boot/shoe after laces have been passed through all eyelets.

Gloves

3.69 Gloves are removed as a general entitlement and retained only for those posted on representational positions in selected countries.

3.70 Dark brown or black leather gloves. Dark brown or black leather gloves may only be worn by those posted on representational positions in selected countries as detailed in Block Scales 3002-24 and 3002-25.

3.71 White kid gloves. White kid gloves are worn by the following with ceremonial orders of dress:

- a. General Officers;
- b. Officers holding personal appointments to the Sovereign, Governor-General or State Governor; and
- c. other entitled Officers described in ASOD volume 2, part 2, [chapter 2](#).

3.72 White gauntlet gloves. White gauntlet gloves are worn by Drum Majors, bass drummers, cymbal players and members of Royal Corps of Military Police (RACMP).

3.73 White cotton gloves. Members may purchase (at their own expense) and wear the white kid leather glove in place of the white cotton gloves. White cotton gloves are worn by:

- a. members of bands when ordered;
- b. members of a Colour/Flag Party;
- c. personnel handling Flags, Colours, Standards, Guidons or Banners at anytime; and
- d. members of Australia's Federation Guard when ordered.

Handbags and clutch bags

3.74 Servicewomen may carry the issued black leather handbag with general duty and barracks orders of dress. A plain black clutch bag may be carried with Dress Order No 6. The handbag is to be carried:

- a. over the left shoulder,
- b. by a shortened strap in the left-hand,

- c. on the left forearm, or
- d. clutched in the hand.

Headdress

3.75 Correct headdress is to be worn at all times whilst in uniform in shopping centres, shops, service stations, car parks and airports. Headdress may be removed in restaurants, cafeterias and eateries but must be replaced when exiting. Headdress is not to be worn in the following circumstances:

- a. when in the office environment;
- b. when in a vehicle unless participating in a ceremonial parade, a mounted parade or, for officers, when being driven inside military barrack areas;
- c. when attending an indoor church service unless a member of an armed party or on duty;
- d. when attending an outdoor church service when the officiating chaplain requests removal of headdress;
- e. when within messes or clubs;
- f. when ordered; and
- g. when moving to and from the office/workplace to a motorbike (must be carrying a helmet).

Hat Khaki Fur Felt

3.76 When the Hat KFF is worn with authorised Orders of Dress, the Army Badge (Rising Sun) is worn on the left-hand side of the hat and the Corps/Regiment badge is worn on the front of the puggaree with the base of the badge touching the brim of the hat. The designated UCP is worn centrally on the right side of the puggaree. This applies whether the brim is worn up or down.

3.77 The left side of the brim is to be turned up when worn with Ceremonial Orders of Dress. With all General Duty Orders of Dress, including those with a jacket, ie Service Dress and utility jacket, the brim is to be worn down.

3.78 The Hat KFF is to be worn by all ranks of all Corps on dismounted ceremonial parades, with the exception that Corps/Unit beret may be worn when a Unit/Regiment parades as a single Unit/Regiment on a Ceremonial parade not including other corps or Service contingents. Spectators at ceremonial parades are to wear the Hat KFF or, if eligible, Corps/Regiment/Unit beret. On occasions of National significance such as ANZAC Day, the Hat KFF is to be worn.

3.79 Overseas, the Hat KFF is to be worn with Ceremonial and General Duty Orders of Dress by all ranks of all Corps who are part of a contingent or exercise which is not a United Nations (UN) or Multi-National Forces deployment.

3.80 Recruits at training establishments may be ordered by the Unit Commander to wear the Hat KFF with brim-up, when wearing General Duty Dress (DPCU).

Berets

3.81 Berets are to be worn in accordance with ASOD. Once the Sun Smart policy is introduced the requirements for the 'wearing of berets' in ASOD is to be applied in conjunction with the Sun Smart policy. CA Directive 43/2009—*Adherence to the Army Standing Orders for Dress—Berets* is cancelled.

3.82 With the exception of Special Operations Command (SOCOMD) units, only CO/OC of those units detailed in [paragraph 3.83](#) can authorise berets to be worn. Berets can only be authorised for wearing as headdress with ceremonial orders of dress or with general duty 'DPCU' as specified below. Berets are not to be worn as dress of the day. Berets may only be authorised to be worn on the following occasions:

- a. a Ceremonial parade held in the unit;
- b. when attending as Head of Corps or Regt COL in either General Duty or Ceremonial Order of Dress, where the beret is being worn on parade;
- c. when spectating at specified unit ceremonial activity, in ceremonial order of dress, where the beret is being worn on parade;
- d. attending a Corps gathering that has been designated as a Corp gathering to foster esprit-de-corps and camaraderie (not sporties parade), in either General Duty or Ceremonial Orders of Dress; or
- e. when initially inducting or being inducted into a respective Corps or unit that the beret has direct heritage links with (eg respective Corps or unit lanyard parade) or farewelling a Corps member at a military funeral in either General Duty or Ceremonial Orders of Dress.

3.83 Only CO/OC of the units detailed below may authorise the wearing of berets by members of their units on the occasions detailed in [paragraph 3.82](#). Berets of the designated colour can only be authorised to be worn by members posted to the following Corps/Regiments/Unit:

- a. Airborne (Para) Units (3 RAR, 176 AD Sqn ATDMU, PTS, rigger qualified members posted to a riggers position and Rigger Conductor (only when performing the duties of the Conductor))—Para qualified members only—Dull Cherry;
- b. AA Avn Units (AA Avn TE, 1, 5, 6 AA Avn Regt)—AA Avn Corps members only—Light Blue;
- c. RACMP Units (1 MP Bn, Domestic Policing Unit, ADFIS, Office of Provost Marshal—Army, Defence Police Training Centre)—MP Corps members only—Scarlet; and
- d. RAAC Units—RAAC members only—Black.

3.84 The RAR Rifle Green Beret is no longer an authorised form of headdress and is not to be worn under any circumstances.

3.85 Except where authorised by Commander SOCOMD in accordance with [paragraph 3.88](#), the Army Blue Beret is not to be worn under any circumstances.

3.86 **Corps/Regiment hat badges.** When authorised to wear a beret, only qualified members may wear hat badge of the specified Unit/Regiment. Non qualified/corps members posted to the Unit/Regiment are to wear the Hat KFF with their Parent Corps hat badge.

3.87 Members posted to UN/Multi-National Force/Observers (MFO) positions are to wear the UN/MFO beret in accordance with UN/MFO requirements.

Special Operations Command

3.88 Commander SOCOMD may authorise the wearing of berets by members posted to SOCOMD units as dress of the day and with Ceremonial Orders of Dress. Berets of the approved colour may be authorised to be worn by members posted to the following Regiments/Units:

- a. SOCOMD units—qualified members;
 - (1) Special Air Service—Fawn;
 - (2) Commando—Sherwood Green; and

- (3) Incident Response Unit members—Army Blue.
- b. SOCOMD units—non qualified members—Army Blue.

3.89 SOCOMD Corps/Regiment hat badges. When authorised to wear a beret, members posted to SOCOMD units are to wear the hat badge of the Unit/Regiment they are posted to. On reposting from a non Parent Corps/Regiment, members are to revert to their Corps/Regiment badge. Non qualified/corps members posted to the Unit/Regiment when wearing the Hat KFF are to wear their Parent Corps hat badge.

Wearing of Berets

3.90 Berets are to be purchased at the member's expense. Commonwealth funds are not to be used for the purchase of berets.

3.91 Members assessed by an Regimental Medical Officer/Senior Medical Officer as being at additional risk to exposure from the sun, or where individuals have a medical restriction which requires them to minimise their exposure to direct sunlight, are to wear Hat KFF. Regardless of any other provisions, individuals may elect to self assess and wear the Hat KFF. No pressure is to be placed on an individual to wear a beret due to their concerns over exposure to the sun.

3.92 When berets are authorised to be worn on a Unit/Regiment parade the onus rests with the CO/OC to ensure all aspect of sun protection is made available and is used.

Circumstances when berets are not to be worn

3.93 A beret may not be worn in the following circumstances:

- a. when overseas—this includes all officers and soldiers regardless of appointment and corps unless posted on UN or MFO duty or Special Forces qualified member(s) visiting, seconded or posted to a like foreign unit;
- b. when in a field environment or deployed on Operations both within Australia and overseas;
- c. when attending an All Corps Soldier or Officer course; and
- d. when attending, as a spectator, a ceremonial activity of national significance such as ANZAC Day, Church/Memorial service or an Royal Military College (RMC) Graduation Parade, if not a member of the Unit which is on parade wearing berets.

Baseball caps

3.94 Baseball caps are only authorised to be worn with PT attire (excluding battle PT). Baseball caps are not to be worn with any other forms of dress including Ceremonial, General Duty and Field/Operational Orders of Dress.

3.95 When conducting PT and sporting activities outdoors headdress of a baseball/kepi design or a hat with a wide brim may be worn. Adequate sun protection for the ears and the back of the neck is to be provided either with the use of sunscreen or as stated above through the wearing of appropriate headdress.

Identification discs

3.96 Identification discs ('dog tags') are to be worn when engaged in field training or operations, duty travel in Service aircraft or when posted overseas. They are to be worn using the issued chain only.

Prescribed spectacles

3.97 Frames of prescribed spectacles are to be metal (gold, silver or bronze finish) or plastic (black or brown tones). Black or brown neck straps for spectacles of cord type (not chain), may be worn.

Sunglasses

3.98 Sunglasses may be worn whilst in uniform as follows:

- a. prescribed tinted or photochromatic spectacles may be worn at anytime in accordance with the prescription. The requirements for the frames of prescribed tinted spectacles is the same as for prescribed spectacles. Brightly coloured or reflective coated lenses are not permitted;
- b. non-prescribed sunglasses may be worn when eye protection is necessary in other than Ceremonial Orders of Dress. Sunglasses, either issued or purchased by individuals, are to conform to the design requirements for prescribed spectacles except that wrap-around or side panels are permitted. Brightly coloured or reflective coated lenses are not permitted; and
- c. sunglasses are to be worn covering the eyes only. They are not to be worn, dangled or suspended from other parts of the body, uniform or on top of the head.

Stockings/pantihose—servicewomen

3.99 Stockings/pantihose are optional in General Duty Dress (polyester), however, if they are not worn; footlets are to be worn with the issued footwear. Stockings/pantihose must be plain, and in matching flesh tones, when worn with Ceremonial and General Duty Orders of Dress.

Tie pin/clip

3.100 When the long sleeve polyester shirt is worn with a tie in an office environment, a tie pin or tie clip may be worn. The pin or clip is to be worn 2/3rds down from the tie knot. The design and colour of the pin or clip is to be of conservative style representing the Unit, Corps or Service. The pin or clip is not to be visible when a jacket or sweater is worn. These items are not to be worn on Ceremonial or Parade Orders of Dress. These items are not provided at public expense.

Umbrellas

3.101 When in uniform, only a black umbrella (may be embossed with the Army emblem) with a plain handle and ferrules may be carried. An umbrella is not to be carried on parade. Umbrellas are not provided at public expense.

Underwear

3.102 Undergarments worn under the uniform, other than the issue brown T-shirt/Extreme Cold Weather Flying Dress when worn with DPCU style uniforms or Protective Dress, when visible, is to be of plain colour (no DPCU patterns) matching the colour tones of the uniform being worn. Personnel wearing DPCU style uniforms or protective dress may, when authorised, remove their shirts providing they are wearing a brown T-shirt. DPCU T-shirt is not to be worn. Black thermals may be worn under DPCU uniforms until current stocks are exhausted and the replacement matching thermals are issued.

Annex:

- A. [Special operations](#)