

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Application of the orders

1.1 These orders are issued by the command of the Chief of Army (CA) and constitute the *Army Standing Orders for Dress* (ASOD).

1.2 ASOD apply to all ranks of the Australian Army and to other persons entitled to wear the Australian Army uniform and is the authority for the wearing of all items of dress and embellishments.

Variations to Army Standing Orders for Dress

1.3 **Variations to ASOD are not to be made without prior approval of CA.**

1.4 A proposal to vary or introduce any item of dress or dress embellishment or to vary the standing orders for dress is to be forwarded through superior headquarters, and head of corps, to Director of Personnel Policy—Army (DPP–A) for consideration. Superior headquarters, and head of corps (HOC) if appropriate, are to endorse the submission with comments and recommendations.

1.5 Submissions are to detail the change and include justification and where possible, an indication of any costs or savings likely to result from the proposal. An example of the layout of a dress variation submission is included in annex A to this chapter.

Layout of Army Standing Orders for Dress

1.6 ASOD explain all orders of dress—ceremonial, general duty, mess, barracks, field, sport and protective. To avoid unnecessary complexity, and to ensure that they are easily understood by all personnel, ASOD are presented in two volumes. Volume 1 provides the basic information on dress policy required by all personnel. Volume 2 contains detailed information on all aspects required by Adjutants, Regimental Sergeant Majors, Aides-de-camp and others required to advise on dress matters or to implement dress policy. Volume 2 also contains detail on special orders of dress which are not on general issue to the Army. **ASOD volumes 1 and 2 are a policy for wearing of Army uniform and embellishments. This document is not to be used for entitlement purposes.** Entitlements can be found within Army Block Scale Entitlements.

Interpretation of Army Standing Orders for Dress

1.7 ASOD are to be interpreted as positive instructions. **If a situation is not specified in ASOD it is prohibited.**

1.8 Tables throughout ASOD list items authorised to be worn with particular orders of dress. Where more than one type of item (eg headdress) is so authorised, a commander of a sub-unit, unit, or formation may, nonetheless, order a particular type of item to be worn for a particular duty. Further, those same commanders may order that any item of uniform that a member is required to have is to be worn as part of an authorised order of dress on a particular occasion (eg a sweater with General Duty Dress). The exception to this is that, whilst all members may be required to wear trousers with all order of dress, female members may not be ordered to wear skirts with ceremonial or general duty orders of dress.

Annex:

A. Submission format of proposal to vary dress

