

CHAPTER 3

WEARING OF UNIFORM

GENERAL

- 3.1** This chapter explains:
- a. the authority to wear uniform,
 - b. the occasions when uniform is worn, and
 - c. appearance aspects.

AUTHORITY

Australian Regular Army

3.2 Members of the Australian Regular Army (ARA) are to wear uniform when on duty. In exceptional circumstances approval to wear civilian clothing may be given by a commanding officer (CO).

Army Reserve

3.3 Army Reserve in these orders refers to all components of the Reserves. Members of the Reserve are to parade in uniform. A CO may:

- a. authorise a member to wear uniform to a place of civilian employment on any day the member is required to attend a parade and there is inadequate opportunity to change before the time of parade, and
- b. authorise the wearing of civilian clothing in circumstances such as:
 - (1) when a member has not been issued all items of uniform and embellishments on enlistment, or
 - (2) when a member has not been able to change into uniform as a result of unavoidable circumstances.

Members on posting

3.4 Members of the ARA and Reserve posted to a unit or regiment of a corps other than their parent corps are to continue to wear the badges, shoulder titles and rank insignia of their parent corps. Where the gaining unit has a corps/regiment/unit headdress (in accordance with *Army Standing Orders for Dress* (ASOD), volume 2), or unit (not corps) lanyard, those items are to be worn for the tenure of the posting.

Members temporarily reallocated

3.5 Members temporarily reallocated to a particular corps/regiment are to wear the uniform and embellishments of that corps/regiment (with the exception of mess orders of dress) for the period of reallocation. Examples of temporary reallocation include the period of regimental training undertaken by junior officers and postings to Regional Force Surveillance Units.

Royal Australian Armoured Corps, Royal Australian Regiment, Army Reserve Infantry Regiments and Special Operations Units

3.6 The wearing of regimental embellishments by Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC), Regiments of the Royal Australian Infantry (RA Inf) Corps 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 embellishments of the respective regiment. At all other times, with the exception of an SO posting, the uniform and embellishments of the RAAC are to be worn.
- b. Members of the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) are to wear the embellishments of that regiment/unit. On posting from the RAR members retain the embellishments of the RAR, however, they are to wear the Corps lanyard. If posted to another unit or regiment of the RA Inf which has distinctive embellishments, these embellishments are to be adopted. On subsequent postings (to non-RA Inf units) the RAR embellishments, with the Corps lanyard are to be resumed.
- c. Both RAR and RA Inf SO personnel who are discharged/transferred from the full-time force cease to have an entitlement to wear the RAR/SO embellishments. Members who subsequently enlist in, or are transferred to, the part-time force are to adopt the embellishments of the regiment/unit to which they enlist/transfer. If that regiment/unit does not have distinctive embellishments then the embellishments of the RA Inf are to be worn.
- d. Members of other regiments of the RA Inf are to wear the uniform and embellishments of that regiment. On posting from that regiment, personnel are to retain the regimental embellishments with the Corps lanyard. If posted to another unit or regiment of the RA Inf, which has distinctive uniform or embellishments, these are to be adopted. On subsequent postings (to non-RA Inf units) the embellishments of the last posted regiment of the RA Inf, with the Corps lanyard, are to be worn.
- e. RA Inf soldiers transferring from the Army Reserve to the Regular Army are to wear the RAR embellishments if posted to and RAR unit. The RA Inf embellishments if posted to a non RA Inf unit or if posted to another unit or regiment of the RAInf which has distinctive uniform or embellishment, these are to be adopted.
- f. SO personnel from corps other than the RA Inf are to revert to their parent corps' uniform and embellishments 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.

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;
- b. a triangular blue and red coloured backing to the Corps badge; and
- c. olive drab puggaree.

Retired members

3.8 Officers who have been granted a military title on retirement, or other ranks who have been granted permission by Army Headquarters (AHQ) Directorate 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.

OCCASIONS

General

3.9 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. A CO may authorise the wearing of equivalent civilian clothes on appropriate occasions.
- c. **Barracks Dress.** Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU) Barracks Dress is worn when in the barracks environment performing field related duties or training and may be worn in public. DPCU should not be worn when Protective Dress could be worn. The DPCU shirt and trousers when worn are to be matching in colour, style and age. Shirts and trousers that do not meet this criteria are not to be worn in the Barracks environment.
- d. **Combat and Field Dress.** Combat and Field Dress is worn when on operations, exercises 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 Japara and the Sweater Field Khaki 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, provided the journey is not broken for any reason.
- f. **General Duty Dress.** General Duty Dress is worn on all other occasions, particularly when in direct contact with the public. General Duty Dress is the normal dress of the day for headquarters and the office environment. **This dress is also worn on the first working day when reporting for duty on posting.**

Particular occasions

3.10 Orders of dress to be worn on specific occasions are detailed in ASOD, volume 2, chapter 2.

Restrictions on wearing uniform

3.11 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;
- c. where contempt is likely to be directed at the uniform or member (*Defence Act 1903*, section 84); and
- d. uniform is not to be worn when participating in non-officially recognised activities, unless authorised by an officer not below the rank of Colonel.

Dress in the office environment

3.12 A Service Dress jacket, utility jacket or sweater may be removed in an office environment. This form of dress is not to be worn outside the defined office environment. The following restrictions apply:

- a. embellishments, with the exception of badges of rank, are not to be worn; and
- b. officers are to wear embroidered gold/silver/black on khaki rank slide.

Dress in Officers, Sergeants' Messes and Soldiers Club

3.13 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.

3.14 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, Regimental Sergeant Major or PMC and be authorised by the Commanding Officer (CO) of the mess or club. Styles are to reflect the nature of functions or activity, living accommodation, function, geographic location, climate and status of the mess or club. Styles are to be promulgated for specific functions or duration.

3.15 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

3.16 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

3.17 Personnel in uniform driving or travelling in military or civilian vehicles are not to wear headdress except as laid down in paragraph 3.70.b.

Dress for physical training

3.18 Members participating in 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 a unit approved T-shirt or suitable top for appropriate activities.
- b. **Aerobic.** T-shirt and shorts, all in a style and a design as approved by the unit CO/Officer Commanding (OC) (bicycle shorts, if worn, are to be worn under PT shorts). Female members are to wear suitable underwear with PT T-shirts. Uniform headwear is to be worn where appropriate.
- c. **Contact sports.** Team uniforms, mouth guards and safety equipment.

3.19 Members participating in individual PT activities during on-duty hours are to wear the appropriate dress for the activity as laid down in [paragraph 3.18](#).

Motorcycles and bicycles

3.20 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.

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

Travel on Service aircraft

3.22 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 or 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) tailored trousers;
 - (2) shirts with properly formed collars;
 - (3) jackets, pullovers etc as required; and
 - (4) fully enclosed shoes, (runners, 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

3.23 For domestic travel, General Duty Dress or civilian clothing is to be worn. DPCU is not to be worn on public or commercial transport except in exceptional circumstances as may be authorised by the CO/OC.

Travel on public or commercial transport outside Australia

3.24 When posted or visiting overseas, a member travelling on duty is to wear civilian clothing, unless otherwise authorised.

3.25 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. No item of a foreign Army uniform is to be worn without DPP–A, AHQ approval.

Military weddings

3.26 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.
- b. **Service guests.** Civilian clothes or as for official party.

Civilian clothing

3.27 Civilian clothing may be worn by members when on duty as prescribed by COs in accordance with the provisions of [paragraphs 3.2](#) and [3.3](#). Personnel wearing civilian attire on duty are to present a neat, clean appearance.

3.28 Visible civilian items of apparel are not to be worn with uniform except where specifically authorised in ASOD. Similarly, items of military uniform are not to be worn with civilian attire.

Civilian funerals

3.29 A CO may give approval for a member to wear uniform at a civilian funeral.

APPEARANCE

General

3.30 The standard of personal dress, appearance and grooming is to be such as to reflect credit on the individual and on the Australian Army. The intent of ASOD is to ensure that a high standard of grooming consistent with that expected of a professional military force is maintained without being unnecessarily restrictive. While recognising the standards of society, the traditional military standards have proved their value in fostering group identity and morale.

3.31 Chewing gum, slouching, sauntering, hands in pockets, smoking in the street, walking arm-in-arm, hand-in-hand and any similar deportment which detracts from a military appearance in the eyes of the public is unacceptable for personnel in uniform.

Alignment of uniform

3.32 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 in line with the buttons of jackets and shirts or centrally in the front of the body when wearing sweaters.

Beards

3.33 Male personnel are to be clean shaven daily except when authorised to wear a beard. Beards are only to be worn by:

- a. a soldier who is posted as the Pioneer Sergeant of 4th Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment (4 RAR (CDO));
- 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; and
- d. soldiers who are authorised by a CO to grow a beard for operational or exercise deployments.

3.34 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.

Cosmetics

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

3.36 Except where OHS regulations conflict, nail varnish which is colourless, natural or shades of pink through to red in clear, frosted, opaque or pearlised lacquer is permitted. No other colours are to be worn. The same colour is to be applied to all nails.

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

Fingernails

3.38 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—servicemen

3.39 Hair on the head of servicemen is to be:

- a. Neatly groomed at all times.
- b. Round tapered at the back and sides, not square edge cut.
- c. Taper trimmed 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.)

- f. Styled in a manner which does not interfere with the proper wearing of any military headdress or protective equipment.
- g. Hair on the neck, below and to the sides of the taper, is to be kept trimmed/shaved.

3.40 Radical hairstyles, such as (mohawk, stepped, layered, foils, streaked or bleached hair and similar styles), unnatural colours (purple, green etc), or combinations of colours are not permitted. A clean shaven head or close cropped hair (ie number one cut) is permissible.

3.41 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

3.42 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.

3.43 Hair colouring is not to be extreme. Vast combinations of colours or unnatural colours are not permitted. A relatively natural appearance should be maintained.

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

3.45 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, scrunchies.

3.46 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 physical training activities, other than battle PT which includes negotiation of obstacles, a ponytail is permitted.

Ironing of uniforms

3.47 As a minimum standard all uniforms except DPCU worn as 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.

3.48 DPCU when worn as Barracks Dress is to be lightly pressed to remove wrinkles. No creases are to be ironed into the uniform and under no circumstances are DPCU garments to be starched.

Jewellery

3.49 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

3.50 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

3.51 Servicewomen, when in uniform, 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. No other type of earring is to be worn.

3.52 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 any time whilst on Defence establishments.

Body Piercing

3.53 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

3.54 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.

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

Moustaches

3.56 Moustaches worn by servicemen are to be neatly trimmed and are not to exceed two centimetres in length. No part of the moustache is to extend below the top lip or the corners of the mouth. Handlebar and similar styles are not permitted.

Shaving

3.57 Male personnel other than those authorised to wear a beard are to be clean shaven daily, prior to first parade, including attendance for medical or administrative purpose. Time of first parade is to be promulgated in Unit Standing Orders. Personnel who may be authorised to wear a beard are listed in [paragraph 3.33](#).

Wigs

3.58 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.

Tattoos

3.59 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 from AHQ.

ITEMS OF DRESS

General

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

Backpacks and Camelbaks

3.61 Backpacks and Camelbaks in Australian Camouflage Pattern or plain black, with a small manufactures logo, if affixed, may be worn with Dress Order No 4 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

3.62 Camelbaks are not to be worn in the office environment or public areas.

Sports bags/echelon bags

3.63 Sports bags or echelon bags are to be carried in the left hand and are not to be carried over the shoulder.

Briefcases

3.64 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

3.65 A cane, not exceeding 60 centimetres in length, may be carried by officers, warrant officers and senior Noncommissioned Officers (NCO) when not on parade and by junior NCO when ordered. They are to be carried in accordance with the Drill Manual.

Footwear

3.66 Only approved patterns of footwear are to be worn. Shoes, court shoes and boots worn with ceremonial and general duty orders of dress are to be black leather or black patent leather, highly polished and in good repair. Court shoes are to be black in colour and have no decorative trimmings or stitching. The combat boots when worn with DPCU are not to be polished but treated in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

3.67 Parade boots are worn with Ceremonial Parade Dress. Parade boots or shoes may be worn with Ceremonial Dress when not on parade or general duty orders of dress.

3.68 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.

3.69 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. This instruction overrides any manufacturer's direction.
- b. Subsequent laces are to continue diagonally, upwards through all eyelets, to the top of the boot/shoe.
- c. Laces are tied neatly at the top of the boot/shoe after laces have been passed through all eyelets.

Gloves

3.70 Dark brown or black leather gloves, according to corps, may be worn by all ranks in general duty and ceremonial orders of dress.

Handbags and clutch bags

3.71 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, or
- b. by a shortened strap in the left hand, or
- c. on the left forearm.

Headdress

3.72 Headdress is to be worn with uniform at all times except:

- 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. correct headdress is to be worn at all times in shopping centres, shops, service stations and carparks. Headdress may be removed when in restaurants, cafeterias and eateries but must be replaced when exiting.

Hat Khaki Fur Felt

3.73 When the hat KFF is worn with ceremonial, general duty and barracks 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. This applies whether the brim is worn up or down.

3.74 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.

3.75 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 on parade.

3.76 Overseas, the hat KFF is to be worn with ceremonial, general duty and barracks orders of dress by all ranks of all corps who are part of a contingent or exercise which is not a United Nations or multinational forces deployment.

3.77 Recruits at training establishments may be ordered by the unit commander to wear the hat KFF with brim-up, when wearing Dress Order No 4 DPCU.

BERETS

Army beret

3.78 The Army beret may be worn as an alternative form of headdress with general duty and barracks orders of dress by all ranks. It is not to be worn with any form of ceremonial dress.

Corps, Regimental and Unit Beret

3.79 Corps, regimental and unit berets may be worn by all ranks having entitlement to wear them **except** for the following:

- a. parading at ceremonies on occasions of National significance or on dismounted ceremonial parades which include other corps or Service contingents; or
- b. part of an overseas contingent, exercise, United Nations or multinational force deployment or dismounted ceremonial parade overseas.

3.80 Details of all corps, regimental and unit berets are given in ASOD, volume 2, part 3, chapter 1, paragraph 1.11.

Service cap

3.81 Officers and Warrant Officers may wear the Service cap with general duty orders of dress. It is not to be worn with ceremonial orders of dress.

Identification discs

3.82 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.

SPECTACLES AND SUNGLASSES

Prescribed spectacles

3.83 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

3.84 Sunglasses may be worn whilst in uniform as follows:

- a. Prescribed tinted or photochromatic spectacles may be worn at any time 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.
- 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.

Audio and video equipment

3.85 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.

Communication equipment

3.86 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.

Stockings/pantihose—servicewomen

3.87 Stockings/pantihose are optional in general duty dress, however, if they are not worn, footlets are to be worn with the issued footwear. Stockings/pantihose must be plain, in flesh tones and in the mid brown range, when worn with ceremonial and general duty orders of dress.

Umbrellas

3.88 When in uniform, only a plain black umbrella 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

3.89 Underwear worn with uniform, other than the DPCU T-shirt when worn with DPCU style uniforms or Protective Dress, is not to be visible. Personnel wearing DPCU style uniforms or protective dress may, when authorised, remove their shirts providing they are wearing an AS pattern DPCU T-shirt.

Tie pin/clip

3.90 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.

Cuff links

3.91 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.

Annex:

A. [Special operations](#)