

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

1. Members posted to the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR), the 4th Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment (Commando) (4 RAR (Cdo)), 1st Commando Regiment (1 Cdo Regt) or 126 Commando Signals Squadron (126 Cdo Sig Sqn) are defined into one of the following categories:
 - a. those personnel who have successfully completed the qualification requirements for the respective unit Employment Code Number (ECN) and are deemed qualified for that particular unit, ECN 353 for SASR and ECN 079 for 4 RAR (Cdo), 1 Cdo Regt and 126 Cdo Sig Sqn; or
 - b. 'unqualified' personnel consisting of those who have either not attempted selection or, for any reason have been unsuccessful in completing the qualification requirements.
2. A qualified member of SASR, 4 RAR (Cdo), 1 Cdo Regt or 126 Cdo Sig Sqn, regardless of corps or trade, is to wear the beret, shoulder titles, hat badge and collar badges of the Special Operations (SO) unit to which the member is posted. The appropriate lanyard is to be worn on the left shoulder. Qualified members of SASR are to wear the SASR parachutist badge. Qualified members of 4 RAR (Cdo), 1 Cdo Regt and 126 Cdo Sig Sqn are to wear the Commando parachutist badge. On the Hat Khaki Fur Felt (KFF) qualified members of SASR are to wear the SASR badge and dark blue cloth shield backing.
3. A member who is posted to SASR, 4 RAR (Cdo), 1 Cdo Regt or 126 Cdo Sig Sqn and has yet to qualify in the specific ECN is to wear the embellishments of the posted SO unit except that:
 - a. Royal Australian Infantry Corps (RA Inf) personnel posted to SASR and 1 Cdo Regt are to wear the appropriate RA Inf badges and shoulder titles;
 - b. non RA Inf personnel are to comply with paragraph 3.4 of this chapter; and
 - c. if qualified, the standard Army parachutist badge is to be worn.
4. All personnel posted to SO units are to wear the buttons of their parent corps or the Army button.
5. Qualified personnel posted to Parachute Training School (PTS) are to wear the airborne (dull cherry) beret with the embellishments of their last SO unit, however, the appropriate corps lanyard is to be worn in lieu of the SO unit lanyard. Personnel wearing SASR embellishments are to wear the dark blue cloth shield behind the SASR hat badge.
6. When posted from a SO unit, personnel are to remove all SO dress embellishments and adopt those embellishments appropriate to their new unit and/or corps, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Personnel entitled to wear the SASR or Commando parachutist badge may continue to do so for the duration of their service (SO personnel posted to 3rd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR) are to wear the 3 RAR parachutist badge for the duration of their posting to that unit).
 - b. SO qualified RA Inf personnel are to wear the headdress and embellishments of their last SO unit unless posted to a regiment or unit which has its own distinctive headdress and embellishments. The RA Inf lanyard or the appropriate regimental battalion lanyard is to be worn.
 - c. Qualified personnel, other than RA Inf, posted to Headquarters Special Operations (HQSO) or Special Forces Training Centre (SFTC) are to wear, whilst so posted, the embellishments of the last SO unit in which they served. In place of the appropriate SO unit lanyard they are to wear their corps lanyard. Non SO qualified personnel posted to HQSO are to wear the appropriate corps lanyard.
 - d. Personnel deemed unsuitable for further service in a SO unit are to remove the headdress and embellishments of that unit.

