

CHAPTER 2

DRESS POLICY

General

2.1 This chapter gives the general policy for Army dress and detailed information on responsibilities for dress, clothing and equipment specifications. The procedure for proposals to vary dress, are included in *Army Standing Orders for Dress (ASOD)*, volume 2.

Standards and responsibilities

2.2 The image of the Army and the pride and self-esteem of its members depends upon the maintenance of the highest standards of dress, appearance and bearing.

2.3 It is the responsibility of all personnel to maintain their uniform in good order and repair and present the highest possible standards of appearance.

2.4 Officers, Warrant Officers and Noncommissioned Officers at all levels of command are to ensure that standards of dress are maintained and that the provisions of ASOD are observed. (Failure to do so is an offence.)

Policy

2.5 Army uniform is to be worn only in accordance with ASOD. The mixing of orders of dress or mixing military and civilian clothing, with the exception of the Trench Coat, is not permitted and items of clothing or equipment which are not of approved design or material are not to be worn as part of Army uniform.

2.6 Unless otherwise stated, orders of dress apply to both female and male personnel.

2.7 The Chief of Army may from time to time authorise slight variations of dress. All applications are to be sent in writing to the Ceremonial Branch at Army Headquarters.

Uniform maintenance allowance

2.8 Uniform maintenance allowance is paid to Australian Regular Army (ARA) members for replacement and maintenance of uniforms. The allowance does not cover laundry or dry cleaning costs and is reviewed regularly.

Regional dress requirements

2.9 All ARA personnel posted to units and formations within New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory are to be in possession of the Service Dress (Dress Order No 1, complete). All personnel Army-wide, are to be in possession of the sweater khaki lightweight.

