

CHAPTER 7

MEDICAL, DENTAL AND NURSING WORKING DRESS

Introduction

7.1 This chapter details the working dress and protective dress requirements for medical, dental and nursing personnel employed in a hospital ward, medical centre, barracks regimental aid post, dental surgery and laboratory environments.

Wearing and positioning of embellishments

7.2 The only embellishments worn on medical, dental and nursing working dress are embroidered badges of rank and embroidered name tags. These are positioned as detailed in *Army Standing Orders for Dress* (ASOD), volume 2, part 4, chapter 3—'Rank badges and insignia' and volume 2, part 3, chapter 2—'Accoutrements and embellishments' respectively. No embellishment is worn on coats protective.

7.3 Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) badges of rank are gold embroidered on white background (Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (RAAMC) and Royal Australian Army Dental Corps (RAADC)) or silver on white background (RAANC). Warrant officer badges and staff sergeant crown are full coloured embroidered on white background.

7.4 Dress ward white is to be worn so that the bottom edge of the hem aligns with the crease at the back of the knee.

Orders of dress

7.5 The orders of working dress and protective dress for medical, dental and nursing personnel are shown in tables as follows:

Dress Code	Dress Order Title	Table
MDN1	Ward Dress Whites (RAANC Officer)	7-1
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Dress Order MDN1—Ward Dress Whites (Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Officer)

7.6 This order of dress is to be worn by RAANC officers working in a ward environment or medical centre.

7.7 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Belt white 32 mm	
2.	Beret RAANC	Note ^(a)
3.	Cardigan khaki/sweater khaki V-neck	Note ^(f)
4.	Coat medical attendant protective white	
5.	Dress ward white short sleeve	
6.	Pantihose/stockings/footlets	Note ^(e)
7.	Shirt protective white short sleeve	Note ^(b)
8.	Shoes ward mens leather white	
9.	Shoes ward womens leather white	
10.	Shoulder slide embroidered, dull cherry	Note ^(c)
11.	Socks white	Note ^(d)
12.	Trousers ward white	
13.	Shorts ward white	Note ^(b)
14.	Slacks ward white	Servicewomen

Notes

- (a) May be worn when carrying out ambulance duties or when employed outside the clinical environment. Hat KFF may be worn as an alternative item.
- (b) May be worn by personnel as an alternative to the coat medical attendant protective white and trousers ward white long as appropriate to season in tropical locations.
- (c) Embroidered silver rank insignia on scarlet slide.
- (d) Long white socks are to be worn with trousers ward white short by male RAANC officers.
- (e) Plain, skin tone only to be worn by Servicewomen.
- (f) Cardigan khaki females only. Sweater khaki V-neck males only.

Table 7-1: Dress Order: MDN1—Ward Dress Whites (Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps Officer)

Dress Order MDN2—Ward Dress White (Royal Australian Army Medical Corps/Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps)

7.8 This order of dress is to be worn by personnel working in a ward environment and medical centre.

7.9 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Belt white 32 mm	
2.	Beret	Note ^(a)
3.	Cardigan khaki/sweater khaki V-neck	Note ^(f)
4.	Coat medical attendant protective white	
5.	Dress ward white short sleeve	
6.	Pantihose/stockings/footlets	Note ^(d)
7.	Shirt protective white short sleeve	Note ^(b)
8.	Shoes ward mens leather white	
9.	Shoes ward womens leather white	
10.	Shoulder Slide, embroidered, dull cherry	Note ^(e)
11.	Socks white	Note ^(c)
12.	Trousers ward white	
13.	Shorts ward white	Note ^(b)
14.	Slacks ward white	Servicewomen

Notes

- (a) The Army beret is worn unless personnel are entitled to wear special to corps/regiment/unit beret. Hat KFF may be worn as an alternative item.
- (b) May be worn by personnel as an alternative to the coat medical attendant protective white and trousers ward white long as appropriate to season.
- (c) Long white socks are to be worn with trousers ward white short by male personnel.
- (d) Plain, skin tone only to be worn by servicewomen.
- (e) Shoulder slides, dull cherry with gold 'AUSTRALIA' (RAAMC) or scarlet with silver 'AUSTRALIA' (RAANC), as appropriate, are worn on ward dress garments.
- (f) Cardigan khaki females only. Sweater khaki V-neck males only.

Table 7-2: Dress Order: MDN2—Ward Dress White (Royal Australian Army Medical Corps/Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps)

Dress Order MDN3—Protective Dress (physiotherapist)

7.10 This order of dress is to be worn by personnel working in the physiotherapy department of a hospital or medical centre.

7.11 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Belt white 32 mm	
2.	Beret	Note ^(a)
3.	Cardigan khaki/sweater khaki V-neck	Note ^(f)
4.	Dress ward white short sleeve	Note ^(b)
5.	Pantihose/stockings/footlets	Note ^(e)
6.	Shirt protective white short sleeve	
7.	Shoes ward mens leather white	
8.	Shoes ward womens leather white	
9.	Shoulder slide embroidered dull cherry	
10.	Socks white	Note ^(d)
11.	Trousers ward white	Note ^(c)
12.	Shorts ward white	Note ^(c)
13.	Slacks ward white	Servicewomen

Notes

- (a) The Army beret is worn unless personnel are entitled to wear special to corps/regiment/unit beret. Hat KFF may be worn as an alternative.
- (b) Navy blue culottes may be worn as an alternative to serial 4.
- (c) Navy blue items may be worn as an alternative to serials 6 and 7.
- (d) Long white socks are to be worn with trousers ward short by male personnel.
- (e) Plain, skin tone only to be worn by servicewomen.
- (f) Cardigan khaki females only. Sweater khaki V-neck makes only.

Table 7-3: Dress Order: MDN3—Protective Dress (physiotherapist)

Dress Order MDN4—Protective Dress (radiographer)

7.12 This order of dress is to be worn by personnel working in a hospital or medical centre radiology department.

7.13 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Belt white 32 mm	
2.	Beret	Note ^(a)
3.	Cardigan khaki/sweater khaki V-neck	Note ^(d)
4.	Coat medical attendant protective white	
5.	Dress ward white short sleeve	
6.	Pantihose/stockings/footlets	Note ^(c)
7.	Shirt protective white short sleeve	
8.	Shoes ward mens leather white	
9.	Shoes ward womens leather white	
10.	Shoulder slide embroidered, dull cherry	
11.	Socks white	Note ^(b)
12.	Trousers ward white	
13.	Shorts ward white	
14.	Slacks ward white	Servicewomen

Notes

- (a) The Army beret is worn unless personnel are entitled to wear special to corps/regiment/unit beret. Hat KFF may be worn as an alternative item.
- (b) Long white socks are to be worn with trousers ward white short by male personnel.
- (c) Plain, skin tone only to be worn by servicewomen.
- (d) Cardigan khaki females only. Sweater khaki V-neck males only.

Table 7-4: Dress Order: MDN4—Protective Dress (radiographer)

Dress Order MDN5—Protective Dress (scientific officer/pathology technician)

7.14 This order of dress is to be worn by personnel working in laboratory environments in a hospital or medical centre.

7.15 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	General Duty Dress, Dress Order 2E or 2F	table 5-8 and table 5-9
2.	Protective gown long sleeve.	

Table 7-5: Dress Order: MDN5—Protective Dress (scientific officer/pathology technician)

Dress Order MDN6—Protective Dress (pharmacist)

7.16 This order of dress is to be worn by personnel working in the pharmacy department of a hospital or medical centre.

7.17 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	General Duty Dress, Dress Order 2E or 2F	table 5-8 and table 5-9
2.	Coat protective medical officer	

Table 7-6: Dress Order: MDN6—Protective Dress (pharmacist)

Dress Order MDN7—Dental Dress Whites

7.18 This order of dress is to be worn by RAADC personnel working in a clinical environment, dental laboratory or dental centre.

7.19 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Belt white 32 mm	
2.	Beret	Note ^(a)
3.	Cap service khaki	
4.	Cardigan khaki/sweater khaki V-neck	Note ^(f)
5.	Coat protective dental technician	
6.	Dress ward white short sleeve	Note ^(b)
7.	Hat KFF	
8.	Pantihose/stockings or footlets	Note ^(e)
9.	Shirt protective white short sleeve	Note ^(b)
10.	Shoes ward mens leather white	
11.	Shoes ward womens leather white	
12.	Shoulder slide, burnt orange	Note ^(c)
13.	Socks white	Note ^(d)
14.	Trousers ward white	
15.	Shorts ward white	
16.	Slacks ward white	Servicewomen
17.	Smock dental operating green	

Notes

- (a) Army beret, or corps/regiment/unit beret may be worn by entitled personnel.
- (b) NCO and Warrant Officers rank insignia gold embroidered on white background.
- (c) Officers wear the slides with gold embroidered rank insignia.
- (d) Long white socks are to be worn with trousers ward white short by male personnel.
- (e) Plain, skin tone colour only to be worn by servicewomen.
- (f) Cardigan khaki female only. Sweater khaki V-neck males only.

Table 7-7: Dress Order: MDN7—Dental Dress Whites

Dress Order MDN8—Dental Laboratory Dress

7.20 This order of dress is to be worn by personnel working in a dental laboratory. It may be worn with general duty dress, Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU), dental dress whites, maternity dress or civilian clothing.

7.21 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Coat protective grey cotton	
2.	Shoes safety/boot safety	

Table 7-8: Dress Order: MDN8—Dental Laboratory Dress

Dress Order MDN9—Dental Surgery Dress

7.22 This order of dress is to be worn by personnel working in the clinical environment of a dental facility. It is to be worn with general duty dress, DPCU, dental dress whites, maternity dress as laid down in Dress Order No 8 or civilian clothing.

7.23 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Coat protective green cotton	

Table 7-9: Dress Order: MDN9—Dental Surgery Dress