

CHAPTER 9

CATERING TRADES

General

9.1 This chapter is to be read in conjunction with the latest Australian Army Catering Corps (AACC) Technical Instructions

9.2 Protective dress for personnel employed in the catering trades is to be worn in accordance with this chapter. Protective dress is to be clean and in good repair.

ITEMS OF DRESS

Aprons

9.3 The apron is a lightweight protective garment worn over all protective dress when working in the kitchen/dining room environment and is to be worn at full length. The apron is to be worn by all AACC personnel or other personnel employed in the preparation of food. It is also to be worn by stewards whilst undertaking food preparation or general cleaning tasks. The apron is to be worn whilst undertaking meal service outside the Mess environment. It is not to be worn in the field.

9.4 The Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform apron is only to be worn in the field environment.

Bow tie black

9.5 A black bow tie is to be worn with all forms of stewards protective dress when performing bar or food serving duties. When preparing for functions the tie may be removed.

Chef jacket, white

9.6 The chef jacket is a lightweight white jacket with a bib front, long sleeves and white buttons. The jacket is to be worn with the right bib over left. Chef jackets are to be worn by all chefs. The jacket is not to be worn in the field environment.

9.7 The jacket sleeves are to be ironed flat with no crease down the centre of the sleeve.

9.8 The jacket is worn with a neckerchief.

9.9 Chef jackets are not worn by officers.

Cufflinks

9.10 Cufflinks may be worn with the white long sleeve shirt. Cufflinks are to be in accordance with *Army Standing Orders for Dress* (ASOD), volume 1, chapter 3, paragraph 3.91.

Cummerbund

9.11 A black cummerbund is to be worn with all forms of stewards protective dress. The cummerbund join is to be worn on the left side of the body.

Footwear

9.12 **Boots.** Safety boots black (protective cap) are to be worn by all chefs while working in a Mess environment. Trousers are not to be bloused when worn with safety boots.

9.13 **Shoes.** Shoes safety black are to be worn by all stewards when working in a Mess environment. When worn with trousers, black socks are to be worn. When worn with the skirt stewards, dark blue/black stockings/pantihose are to be worn.

Headdress

9.14 The chef hat/cap white is to be worn by all chefs when wearing protective dress in the kitchen environment. They are also to be worn whilst undertaking meal service outside the Mess environment. The Hat KFF or special to corps/regiment/unit beret is to be worn outside the kitchen environment.

Jacket White, Eaton Style

9.15 The Jacket White, Eaton Style, is to be worn in the Mess environment by stewards and Supervisors Army Messes when employed as a steward on all Mess functions or as directed by the Mess Committee. The chain between the buttons is to be 8.5 cm in length. Non issued button insignia assembly are not to be worn.

Shirts

9.16 **Shirt white, long sleeve.** The shirt white, long sleeve is to be worn under the Jacket White, Eaton Style. It may be worn with cufflinks of approved design.

9.17 **Shirt white, short sleeve.** The shirt white, short sleeve may be worn as an outer garment in Steward Dress White Shirt or as ordered by the Mess Committee. When involved in bar duties or food service, stewards are to wear the black bow tie with the short sleeve shirt.

Skirt steward, dark blue Australian Army Catering Corps

9.18 The skirt steward blue, is a lightweight mid length skirt with the AACC stripe on the sides. It is worn by all female stewards. The skirt is not to be worn in the field environment.

Sweater black lightweight

9.19 The sweater is lightweight black with a V neck. The issue white shirt is to be worn under the sweater. When not wearing a bow tie the collar is to be worn out over the neckband of the sweater and ironed flat. The black sweater is not to be worn with the Chef Jacket or Jacket White, Eaton Style. The sweater, lightweight khaki and sweater khaki field are not to be worn by AACC personnel when wearing chef/steward protective dress.

Trousers steward, dark blue

9.20 Trouser steward blue is a lightweight blue trouser with the AACC stripe on the sides. They are worn by all male stewards. Trousers blue are not to be worn in the field environment. Slacks blue may be worn by female stewards as an alternative to the skirt.

DRESS EMBELLISHMENT

9.21 The following paragraphs detail the embellishment of catering dress items.

9.22 **Medals.** Miniature medals are worn on Jacket White, Eaton Style. Ribbons are worn on Steward Dress White Shirt.

9.23 **Unit citations.** Miniature emblems of unit citations are worn on Jacket White, Eaton Style. Full size emblems are worn on Steward Dress, White Shirt.

9.24 **Individual commendation badges.** Miniature individual commendation badges are worn on Jacket White, Eaton Style. Full size badges are worn on Steward Dress White Shirt.

Soldiers Medallion Badge

9.25 The soldiers Medallion Badge is worn on Steward Dress, White Shirt.

9.26 Embellishments are positioned as detailed in ASOD volume 2, part 2, chapter 3.

Orders of dress

9.27 Steward Dress, White Shirt is only to be worn when diners are wearing Mess Dress White Shirt, or as directed by the Mess Committee.

9.28 The orders of dress worn by personnel employed in the catering trades are given in the following tables:

Dress Code	Dress Order Title	Table
CT1	Catering Dress—chef	9-1
CT2	Supervisor/Steward Army Messes	9-2

Dress Order CT1—Catering dress—chef

9.29 This order of dress is to be worn by all chefs when not in the field.

9.30 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Apron, white, chef	Note ^(g)
2.	Belt, khaki 32 mm	
3.	Boots, safety protective cap	Note ^(f)
4.	Cap/Hat chef	Note ^(a)
5.	Chef jacket, white	Notes ^(c) and ^(d)
6.	Name tag	
7.	Neckerchief	
8.	Socks, khaki	
9.	Trousers chef, check	Note ^(e)

Notes

- (a) Worn at all times when employed in food preparation/service.
- (b) Colour to be uniform as determined by the Commanding Officer.
- (c) To be worn with insignia rank warrant officer embroidered on white backing or insignia rank, noncommissioned officer, gold embroidered on the appropriate white backing.
- (d) Worn by all ranks, except officers.
- (e) Trousers are to be worn unbloused in accordance with *Army—Occupational Health and Safety Manual (A-OHSMAN)*.
- (f) To be worn at all times whilst working in the mess environment.
- (g) Apron is to be worn at full length in accordance with A-OHSMAN.

Table 9-1: Dress Order: CT1—Catering dress—chef

Dress Order CT2—Supervisor/steward Army Messes

9.31 This order of dress is to be worn by all Stewards and Supervisor Army Messes when employed in food and beverage preparation and service.

9.32 It consists of the following items of dress:

Serial	Item of Dress	Remarks
1.	Apron chef, white	Note ^(f)
2.	Badge, AIRN	
3.	Bow tie, black	Note ^(e)
4.	Cap food handler	Note ^(f)
5.	Cummerbund, black	
6.	Jacket, Eaton Style	Notes ^(a) and ^(b)
7.	Nameplate	
8.	Shirt, white, long sleeve/short sleeve	Notes ^(c) and ^(d)
9.	Shoes safety, black	
10.	Skirt steward, dark blue	
11.	Socks black/stockings black	
12.	Suspenders trousers, white	Optional
13.	Sweater V neck, black	Note ^(g)
14.	Trousers steward, dark blue	
15.	Slacks steward dark blue	Servicewomen

Notes

- (a) The jacket is worn in the Mess environment only. It is worn when employed as a steward, on all Mess functions or as directed by the Mess Committee. It is not to be worn during preparation of food. The jacket may be worn as an optional dress when the diners wear Mess Dress White Shirt.
- (b) To be worn with insignia rank warrant officer embroidered on large shaped white backing or insignia rank, noncommissioned officer, gold embroidered on the appropriate colour backing. AACC collar badges and metal 'AUSTRALIA' titles are worn.
- (c) When the shirt is worn as Mess Dress White Shirt it is to be worn with shoulder boards AACC and all other requirements of Dress Order 6C.
- (d) To be worn with insignia rank warrant officer embroidered on small rectangular white backing or insignia rank, noncommissioned officer, gold embroidered on white backing. AACC metal shoulder titles are worn.
- (e) Worn at all times during bar and meal service with all forms of steward and Supervisor Army Messes dress.
- (f) To be worn during all food preparation in the kitchen environment.
- (g) Not worn with Jacket White, Eaton Style.

Table 9-2: Dress Order: CT2—Supervisor/steward Army Messes