

**CHAPTER 2**

**RAF ORDERS OF DRESS - MALE PERSONNEL**

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## **Chapter 2 - Introduction**

This chapter illustrates, through a selection of explanatory notes and illustrations the various orders of dress for male RAF personnel and stipulates the occasions on which each type of uniform should be worn. In these regulations and tables, master aircrew are included in any general reference to warrant officers. Male officers and airmen of the PMRAFNS are to comply with the RAF orders of dress. Chaplains also conform to these orders, except where stated otherwise.

## No 1 Service Dress Uniforms – Male Officers and Airmen

### 0201. Occasions For Wear.

**a. No 1 Service Dress Uniform (No 1 SD).** The No 1 SD is to be worn on all formal and ceremonial occasions as ordered by MOD or Commanders in Chief (CINCs). Additionally, local commanders have the discretionary power to authorise its wear at other times. Illustrations and relevant Orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section.

**b. No 1A SD Uniform (Ceremonial Day).** No 1A SD is identical to No 1 SD, except that ceremonial sash and shoulder boards are worn by entitled officers. It is worn when No 1A Dress is appropriate formally on parade or in a formal representative role. The No 1A SD Uniform is restricted to:

(1) AVM rank and above.

(2) Officers assigned to the 1 Star posts of Comdt RAFC Cranwell, Air Officer Wales and Air Officer Scotland/NI. DNS (RAF), by nature of appointment, wears the AO sash but not ceremonial boards.

### Authorised Ensemble

**0202. Hat.** Only the service issue No 1 SD hat may be worn, as follows:

**a. Officers.** Group Captains and above wear a hat with an embellished patent peak; Wing Commanders and below have a cloth-covered peak. Officer cadets wear a white band over the black mohair band.

**b. Airmens.** With the exception of RAFP, the airman's No 1 SD hat, with a black patent peak and sewn on hat badge is to be worn by all non-commissioned ranks. The WO's hat has an anodised badge depicting an eagle above laurel leaves, surmounted by a crown in lieu of the airmen's badge. RAFP WO & below wear a white topped No 1 SD hat with appropriate anodised badge.

**0203. Jacket & Trousers.** The No 1 SD uniform is manufactured as a suit, from the same length of fabric; therefore the jacket from one issue should not be worn with the trousers of another. All commissioned ranks and WO's wear the same style jacket. However, the following officers also wear plain shoulder boards:

- a. AVM and above.
- b. Officers assigned to those 1 Star posts detailed at Para 0201 b (2).
- c. All officers who are entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher (including Honorary Chaplains to the Sovereign).

All airmen of FS rank and below wear the same style jacket, incorporating the eagle shoulder badge.

**0204. Ironing of No 1 SD.** The styling of the jacket is not to be altered by ironing-in pleats or creases. Uniform jacket sleeves are constructed to meet the physical silhouette of the arm in repose. When the arm is held stiffly in the “attention”, ironed-in creases merely accentuate the distortion of the back of the jacket. Sleeves should only be lightly pressed, using a damp cloth, to iron out lateral creases, this can be best achieved by using a sleeve board. The No 1 SD trousers are to be worn with pressed in creases, front and back, extending the full length of each leg.

**0205. Shirt.** The Service issue long-sleeved wedgwood blue shirt is to be worn. It is to be worn with creases pressed in on each sleeve running from the centre of the epaulette to the cuff.

**0206. Tie.** A plain black Service issue tie is to be worn, secured with a Windsor knot. Chaplains may wear a clerical collar with a spade stock.

**0207. Shoes.** Highly polished black leather Oxford pattern shoes are to be worn by officers and WOs. All other ranks are to wear DMS shoes.

**0208. Gloves.** Brown Service issue leather gloves are to be worn by officers and WOs when on parade and at other times as ordered. White gloves will be worn if swords are carried. If ordered, airmen wear issue black leather issue gloves. As detailed in Chapter 9, personnel may be required to wear white cotton gloves on certain ceremonial occasions.

**0209. Blue Sash.** The following personnel are authorised to wear the blue sash on the occasions shown:

- a. Officers employed as HM the Queen’s Gentlemen Ushers.
- b. Officers when employed on AFB ushering duties.
- c. WOs and SNCOs of the Queens Colour Squadron when on parade.

- d. IOT and recruit training instructors at established recruit or trade training establishments. It is only to be worn whilst on parade.
- e. WOs and SNCO escorts to Queens Colours, (does not apply to Sqn standards).

**0210. Greatcoat.** The wearing of greatcoats with No 1 SD is authorised as follows:

**a. Parades & Ceremonial.** When required, for inclement weather, etc, the greatcoat is the authorised wear for ceremonial occasions and parades. Except for personnel who possess their own serviceable issue, greatcoats are provided on loan as required, in accordance with **RAF GAI 1020**.

**b. Other occasions (Non Ceremonial).** When required for inclement weather and unless otherwise ordered, on non-ceremonial occasions, individuals who have their own serviceable issue greatcoats may wear greatcoats with their No 1 SD.

**0211.** Officer-style greatcoats have provision for a sword slit. For Air Cdres and below greatcoats have built in shoulder straps with blue/black rank braid. Greatcoats for AVM and above have two sets of detachable shoulder straps, one set with conventional blue/black rank braid whilst the other is ranked in gold, with embellishments.

**No 1 SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM (No 1 SD) – MALE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN**



**Officer**



**WO**



**FS & Below**

**ORDERS OF DRESS – No 1 SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM – MALE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 1 Service Dress Uniform</b> <b>(No 1 SD)</b> Reserved for parades, ceremonial and other formal occasions, as ordered.</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD Hat.</p> <p><b>Jacket:</b> No 1 SD.</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No1 SD Trousers (Note 1).</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Issue Long sleeve Wedgwood Blue.</p> <p><b>Tie:</b> Black Issue.</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue, highly polished oxfords for officers and WOs, DMS for other ranks.</p> <p><b>Coat:</b> Greatcoat if required/ordered (Note 2).</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> Brown leather for officers and WOs - white if sword is carried. If ordered, other ranks wear black issue leather. (Note 3)</p>	<p>1. To ensure correct hanging of the trousers, issue braces are to be worn.</p> <p>2. Greatcoats may be ordered for parades/ceremonial duties if required. No other form of outerwear is to be worn with No 1 SD when on parades/ceremonial duties. When not on parade/ceremonial duty and not otherwise ordered, the greatcoat or Service issue blue rain jacket may be worn with No 1 SD.</p> <p>3. Regardless of season, officers and WOs are to wear brown leather gloves on all parades when in No 1 SD (except when swords are carried) and when ordered on other ceremonial and formal occasions. Additionally, brown gloves may be worn or carried when in No 1 SD unconnected with ceremonial. On certain ceremonial occasions, as detailed at Chap 9, white cotton gloves and white webbing belts will be worn by detailed personnel.</p>

**No 1 and 1A SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM (No 1 SD & No 1A SD) – MALE AVM AND ABOVE**



**No 1 SD AVM & Above**



**No 1A**

**ORDERS OF DRESS – No 1 and 1A SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM – MALE AVM AND ABOVE (See Note)**

<b>Short Description/Occasion for Wear</b>	<b>Uniform Items</b>
<p><b>No 1 Service Dress Uniform (AVM and above)</b></p> <p><b>(No 1 SD)</b></p> <p>Reserved for parades, ceremonial and other formal occasions as ordered.</p> <p><b>No 1A Service Dress – Ceremonial Day Dress. (No 1A SD)</b></p> <p>Reserved for certain ceremonial occasions as ordered. Always worn with medals and decorations if held.</p>	<p>As for No 1 SD with following exceptions:</p> <p><b>Hat:</b> The double row of embellished gold oak leaf depicts an air officer.</p> <p><b>Shoulder Boards:</b> Plain boards are worn only with No 1 SD.</p> <p>As for No 1 SD with following exceptions:</p> <p><b>Shoulder Boards:</b> Embellished shoulder boards fixed by means of shoulder loops and 27 ligne-anodized buttons.</p> <p><b>Sash:</b> Air Officer gold/blue.</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> White cotton.</p>

**Note:** Also applies to those officers assigned to the 1 Star posts of Comdt RAFC Cranwell, Air Officer Wales and Air Officer Scotland/NI. DNS (RAF) wears AO Ceremonial Sash only.

## **No 2 Service Working Dress – Male Officers and Airmen**

**0212. Occasions for Wear.** Except where a specific order of dress has been prescribed, the under mentioned modes of No 2 Service Working Dress are permitted:

- a. No 2 (Full) Service Working Dress Uniform (No 2 SD).** No 2 SD is jersey and long sleeve shirt mode; it has two options, with and without tie. All personnel may wear No 2 SD indoors and outdoors, as a routine working dress, throughout the year.
- b. No 2A (Long Sleeved) Routine Working Dress Uniform (No 2A SD).** No 2A SD is long sleeve shirt no jersey mode and is always worn with tie. All personnel may wear No 2A dress, indoors and outdoors, as a routine working dress, throughout the year.
- c. No 2B (Short Sleeved) Routine Working Dress Uniform (No 2B SD).** No 2B SD is short sleeve shirt mode and is never worn with tie. All personnel may wear No 2B dress, indoors and outdoors, as a routine working dress, throughout the year.
- d. No 2C (Restricted Trade) Routine Working Dress Uniform (No 2C SD).** Only those personnel detailed at Para 0216(c) may wear No 2C SD, indoors and outdoors, as a routine working dress, throughout the year.

Illustrations and relevant Orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section

## **No 2 Service Working Dress – Authorised Ensemble**

**0213. Hat.** A beret, forage cap (optional extra at own expense) or No 1 SD hat may be worn by airmen. Officers may wear a No 1 SD hat or forage cap; RAF Regiment officers may wear a beret. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD.

**0214. Jersey.** The service issue crew neck jersey is to be worn with working dress modes. If held, and still serviceable, the V-neck style jersey may be worn but it is never to be worn with an open neck shirt. Stable belts are not to be worn outside the jersey. When worn with the general purpose jacket the bottom of the jersey is not to protrude below the waistband of the jacket.

**0215. Trousers.** Only the Service issue No 2 SD trousers are to be worn. They are to be worn with pressed in creases front and back, extending the full length of each leg.

**0216. Shirts.**

**a. Long-sleeved shirt.** Only the Service issue long sleeved wedgwood blue shirt is to be worn with No 2 and 2A SD. It is to be worn with creases pressed in on each sleeve running from the centre of the epaulette to the cuff. Sleeves are never rolled up. When worn without jersey, a tie must be worn.

**b. Short Sleeved shirt.** Only the Service issue short-sleeved wedgwood blue shirt is to be worn with No 2B SD. It is to be worn with creases pressed in on each sleeve running from the centre of the epaulette to the sleeve end. A tie is never worn with this shirt.

**c. Dark Blue Working Shirt.** RAF dark blue working shirt, No 2C SD is authorised for wear, throughout the year, by airmen in those trades listed below. It is to be worn with creases pressed in on each sleeve running from the centre of the epaulette to the cuff. Sleeves may be rolled up. A tie is never worn with this shirt.

TG 1	Aircraft Engineering	TG 6	Mechanical Transport
TG 2	Electrical Engineering	TG 8	Fire Fighters only
TG 3	Ground Electronic Engineering	TG 13	Safety & Surface
TG 5	General Engineering	TG 18	Supply & Movements

**0217. Footwear.** Issue black oxfords or DMS shoes can be worn by officers and WOs. Other ranks wear DMS. Black issue socks are to be worn.

**0218. Belts.** The blue/grey issue belt is to worn with No 2A, 2B and 2C SD. Optionally, unless otherwise ordered, authorised pattern stable belts may be worn (**See Para 0139**). When stable belts are worn, the dark stripe is to be uppermost; the fastenings of the RAF Stable belt are to be secured over the left hip. Stable belts are not to be worn outside a jersey.

**0219. Coats.** Only issue outerwear is to be worn by officers or airmen. Unless otherwise detailed, personnel who are in possession of their own serviceable greatcoat may wear them with No 2 SD and No 2A SD uniforms.

**0220. Gloves.** Issue brown leather for officers & WOs, issue black leather for FS and below.

**No 2 (FULL) SERVICE WORKING DRESS UNIFORM (No 2 SD) – MALE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN**



**With Tie**



**Without Tie**

**ORDERS OF DRESS - No 2 (FULL) SERVICE WORKING DRESS UNIFORM – MALE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 2 (Full) Service Working Dress Uniform (No 2 SD)</b></p> <p>There are two modes of No 2 (Full) SD – with tie and without tie, but both always include the jersey. When specifically detailing individuals to wear No 2 SD, “with or without tie” should form part of the order.</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, can be worn as a standard working dress, indoors and outdoors all year round</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD for officers (Note 1), beret for other ranks (Note 2).</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Issue long sleeve wedgwood blue (Note 3).</p> <p><b>Tie:</b> Black Issue.</p> <p><b>Jersey:</b> Issue blue/grey crew neck (Note 3).</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 2 SD.</p> <p><b>Belt:</b> Blue/grey issue or optional Stable Belt (Note 4).</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue, highly polished oxfords or DMS for officers and WOs, DMS for other ranks.</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black issue.</p> <p><b>Coat:</b> Issue (blue) outerwear (Note 5).</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> Brown leather for officers and WOs, black leather issue for other ranks (Note 6).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Optional forage cap, RAF Regt officers only may wear beret. RAFP WO &amp; below wear their white topped No 1 SD</li> <li>2. Optional No 1 SD Hat or forage cap.</li> <li>3. If tie is removed the collar is to be unbuttoned and worn external to jersey neck. If held, the old style V-neck jersey may be worn, but only with a tie; it cannot be worn with an open neck shirt at any time. If jersey is removed, a tie must be worn.</li> <li>4. The stable belt is not to be worn on the outside of the jersey.</li> <li>5. Optional for inclement weather. If worn, the jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 10cm from the top zip stop. (Page 2-48)</li> <li>6. Optional for inclement weather. Gloves can only be worn with jersey or outerwear</li> </ol>

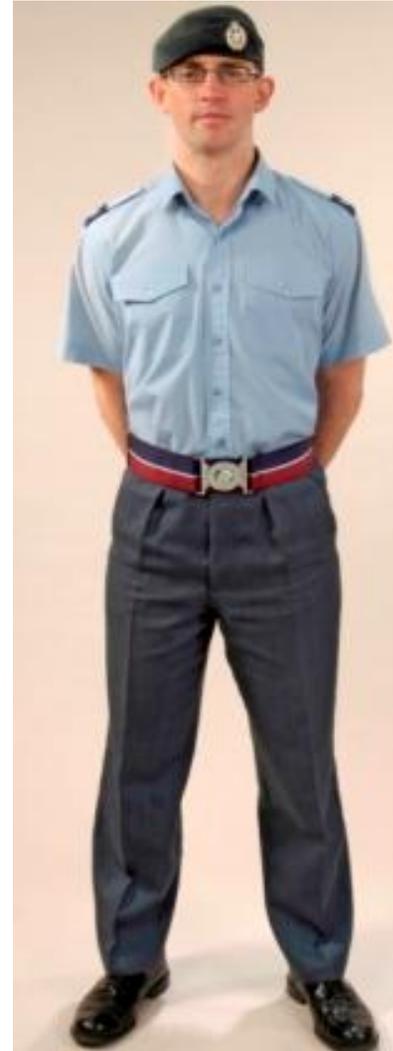
**No 2A (LONG SLEEVED) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS (No 2A SD) – MALE**



**ORDER OF DRESS - No 2A (LONG SLEEVED) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS – MALE**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 2A (Long Sleeved) Routine Working Dress</b></p> <p><b>(No 2A SD)</b></p> <p>There is only one mode of No 2A SD - long sleeve shirt with tie and no jersey.</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, can be worn as a routine working dress, indoors and outdoors all year round.</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD for officers (Note 1), beret for other ranks (Note 2).</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Issue long sleeve wedgwood blue (Note 3).</p> <p><b>Tie:</b> Black issue (Note 3).</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 2 SD.</p> <p><b>Belt:</b> Blue/grey issue or optional Stable Belt.</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue, highly polished oxfords or DMS for officers and WOs, DMS for other ranks.</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black issue.</p> <p><b>Coat:</b> Issue blue MVP/jeltex rain jacket or GPJ (Note 4)</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> Brown leather for officers and WOs, black leather issue for other ranks (Note 5).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Optional forage cap, RAF Regt officers only may wear beret. RAFP WO &amp; below wear their white topped No 1 SD</li> <li>2. Optional No 1 SD Hat or forage cap.</li> <li>3. A tie is always to be worn with No 2A Dress, under no circumstances, even in the working place, are shirtsleeves to be rolled up.</li> <li>4. Optional for inclement weather. If worn, the jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 10cm from the top zip stop. (Page 2-48)</li> <li>5. Optional for inclement weather. Gloves can only be worn with jersey or outerwear.</li> </ol>

**No 2B (SHORT SLEEVED) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS (No 2B SD) – MALE**



**ORDER OF DRESS - No 2B (SHORT SLEEVED) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS – MALE**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 2B – (Short Sleeved) Routine Working Dress</b></p> <p><b>(No 2B SD)</b></p> <p>Although No 2B SD is a short sleeve dress mode, it can be worn with jersey and/or outerwear when required. When specifically detailing individuals to wear No 2B SD, “without jerseys”, “outerwear”, etc, should form part of the order.</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, can be worn indoors and outdoors all year round.</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD for officers (Note 1), beret for other ranks (Note 2).</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Issue short sleeve wedgwood blue shirt (Note 3).</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 2 SD.</p> <p><b>Belt:</b> Blue/grey issue or optional Stable Belt.</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue, highly polished oxfords or DMS for officers and WOs, DMS for other ranks.</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black issue.</p> <p><b>Jersey:</b> Issue blue/grey crew neck only (Note 4 )</p> <p><b>Coat:</b> Issue blue MVP/jeltex rain jacket or GPJ (Note 5 )</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> Brown leather for officers and WOs, black leather issue for other ranks (Note 6).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Optional forage cap, RAF Regt officers only may wear beret. RAFP WO &amp; below wear their white topped No 1 SD</li> <li>2. Optional No 1 SD Hat or forage cap.</li> <li>3. A tie is never worn with the short sleeve shirt.</li> <li>4. Optional for inclement weather. Crew neck only, shirt collar is to be unbuttoned and worn external to the jersey neck. An open neck shirt cannot be worn with the old style V-neck jersey at any time.</li> <li>5. Optional for inclement weather. If worn, the jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 10cm from the top zip stop. (Page 2-48)</li> <li>6. Optional for inclement weather. Gloves can only be worn with jersey or outerwear.</li> </ol>

**No 2C (RESTRICTED) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS (No 2C SD) – AIRMEN ONLY**



**ORDER OF DRESS - No 2C (RESTRICTED) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS – AIRMEN ONLY**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 2C – (Restricted ) Routine Working Dress (No 2C SD)</b></p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, can be worn all year round by those trades listed at Para 0216, c. The dark blue working shirt is only to be worn with No 2C dress on station, or for home to duty travel. It Is not to be worn routinely in public.</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> Beret (Note 1).</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Issue long sleeve dark blue working shirt (Note 2).</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 2 SD.</p> <p><b>Belt:</b> Blue/grey issue or optional Stable Belt.</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue DMS</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black issue.</p> <p><b>Jersey:</b> Issue blue/grey crew neck only (Note 3)</p> <p><b>Coat:</b> Issue blue MVP/jeltex rain jacket or GPJ (Note 4 )</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> Black leather issue.(Note 5).</p>	<p>1. Optional No 1 SD Hat or forage cap.</p> <p>2. Not to be worn with a tie on any occasion, sleeves may be rolled up above the elbow. Only the top (collar) button is to be undone. If worn, under vests are not to be visible.</p> <p>3. Optional for inclement weather. If worn, shirt collar is to be unbuttoned and worn external to the jersey neck.</p> <p>4. Optional for inclement weather. If worn, the jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to least 10cm from the top zip stop. (Page 2-48)</p> <p>5. Optional but only when jersey or outerwear is worn.</p>

## No 3 Service Dress – Operational Clothing

### Introduction

**0221. General.** No 3 Service Dress covers all forms of operational clothing, including the Combat Soldier 95 (CS95) range and Desert Combat Clothing (DCC). Operational clothing is defined as clothing that is required to be worn for operations, operational training and exercises. CS95 is issued as part of the initial kitting scale for both male and female personnel. DCC and other forms of operational clothing are issued and worn as authorised in the HQSTC RAF Guide to Kitting for Operations and Exercises, held by unit clothing stores. This AP deals specifically with CS 95 ensemble.

**0222. No 3 Service Dress Badges & Insignia.** CS95 and DCC jacket and shirts are to be worn with the following standard insignia:

- a. The union jack emblem is to be positioned centrally 5cm below the shoulder seam or RAF Regt shoulder badge on the left arm.
- b. The embroidered RAF identity patch is to be affixed centrally and immediately above the right hand breast pocket of the CS95 field jacket and shirts only. The green patch measures 16cm x 3cm and has 'ROYAL AIR FORCE' embroidered in black.
- c. The RAF Tactical Recognition Flash (TRF) replicates the colours of the RAF Stable belt. It is to be worn by all RAF personnel on the CS95 lightweight jacket, field jacket and Desert DPM equivalents. The TRF is to be sewn centrally on the right sleeve with the top edge 7.5cms below the shoulder seam; the stripes are to run vertically with the maroon stripe on the right when viewed.
- d. The Expeditionary Air Wing (EAW) and Expeditionary Air Group (EAG) badge is to be worn on CS 95 and Desert DPM garments in conjunction with, and 1 cm below, the RAF Tactical Recognition Flash (TRF).

Embroidered name badges are not worn on CS 95. All other authorised insignia or badges are to appear below these emblems. All other forms of authorised trade badges, qualification badges, emblems and insignia for wear with operational clothing are detailed in Chap 7. Only those rank slides, badges and insignia contained herein and/or approved by the RAF Dress Policy Committee may be affixed to CS95.

### **Dress Regulations - Combat Soldier 95 (CS 95)**

**0223. Issue.** CS95 is issued to all RAF personnel and, as such, rules and regulations appertaining to its wear apply equally to all ranks, male and female.

**0224. Occasions for Wear.** In addition to wear on operations, operational training and exercises, CS95 is to be worn on ground defence duties/training and when specially ordered by MOD. Furthermore in recognition of the expeditionary focus of the RAF and the nature of the duties they perform certain units and RAF personnel serving on some joint units may be authorised to wear CS95 as routine daily working dress. However specific authority must be granted by the relevant RAF Commanders in Chief (CINC) under whose full command the unit or the RAF personnel serving on a joint unit falls. CINC will promulgate a list of authorised units and personnel and will issue specific guidance as to when they may wear CS95 dress in lieu of No 2 SD. Any commander who believes that his or her unit should be added to the list is to submit a case for consideration via the command chain to the respective CINC. It is emphasised, however that the RAF remains predominately a blue uniformed service and CS95 should not be worn by non-authorised units and personnel during normal peacetime duties. RAF Regiment personnel are governed by slightly different dress regulations by virtue of their Royal Corps status, they and those other trades employed within RAF Regt command wear CS95 as their standard working dress. When filling a non RAF Regt post, and/or when a standard dress is ordered, RAF Regt personnel (including officers) should wear No 2 dress.

**0225. CS 95 Authorised Ensemble.** When authorised to wear and except where a specific order of dress has been prescribed by the chain of command, only the approved CS95 ensemble, as detailed below, is to be worn. Other items of operational clothing issued for specific operations outside the UK are not to be worn in the UK and NWE. Illustrations and relevant orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section. CS95 ensemble comprises of:

- a. Headdress.** When there is no operational requirement to wear a helmet, the service issue beret, with appropriate hat badge, must be worn by all ranks.
- b. DPM Field Jacket.** No shoulder epaulettes, rank slide worn on the front rank epaulette.
- c. DPM Lightweight Combat Suit (L/W Jacket & Trousers).** No shoulder epaulettes, rank slides are worn on the front rank epaulette.
- d. OG T-Shirt.** All year round wear under garment.
- e. OG Norwegian Shirt.** Under garment for cold conditions.

**f. Fleece Liner (OG/DPM).** Cold conditions undergarment.

**g. DPM Moisture Vapour Permeable (MVP) Suit.** Lightweight Gortex waterproof jacket and trousers.

**h. Gloves.** Combat black leather waterproof with wrist strap. Also available are NOMEX flame retardant gloves with non-slip texturing for use when operating sensitive equipment in cold conditions.

**j. Boots.** Issue black combat assault boot.

**0226.** Variations in CS95 dress will be subject to operational requirement, location and climate, the necessary mode will be decided upon by the relevant chain of command. CS95 and DCC is never to be worn in combination with 'blue' uniform modes.

**COMBAT SOLDIER 95 (CS95) – ROUTINE WEAR - ALL RANKS, MALE & FEMALE**



**Normal Wear L/W Jacket -Sleeves Down**



**Optional or local Cdr's discretion**



**Field Jacket**



**Royal Air Force Patch – affixed centrally above right breast pocket**

## ORDER OF DRESS COMBAT SOLDIER 95 (CS95) – MALE &amp; FEMALE

Short Description & Occasion for Wear	All Ranks Male & Female	Notes
<b>Non CS 95 Combat Clothing</b>	Non CS95, DCC and other combinations of operational clothing will be issued as detailed in the RAF Guide to Kitting for Operations	Worn as authorised by Regional Command
<b>Combat Soldier 95 (CS 95)</b>  When authorised (See Para 0224) Order of dress will be as detailed by chain of command.	<b>Hat:</b> Combat Helmet or Beret (Note 1)  <b>T-shirt:</b> Olive Green (Note 2)  <b>L/W Jacket:</b> DPM (Note 3 and Note 8)  <b>Field Jacket:</b> DPM (Note 8)  <b>Trousers:</b> DPM  <b>Belt:</b> OG Webbing belt (Note 4)  <b>Norwegian Shirt:</b> Olive Green (Note 5)  <b>Fleece Liner:</b> Olive Green (Note 5)  <b>MVP Suit:</b> DPM waterproof MVP jacket & trousers (Note 6)  <b>Gloves:</b> Combat (Note 7)  <b>Boots:</b> Combat Assault Boot	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beret is to be worn by all ranks when there is no operational requirement to wear a helmet.</li> <li>2. Not to be worn as an outer layer unless authorised by local command for work of limited duration.</li> <li>3. Worn tucked into trousers. Sleeves may be rolled above the elbows unless otherwise directed by local commanders. During hot weather conditions when off base on deployed operations (in the field), the local Cdr may authorise the shirt to be worn outside the waistband.</li> <li>4. Stable belts may be worn with CS95 as an item of routine working dress, but they are not to be worn in the field, on Ops or exercises. Belts are not to be worn external to the field jacket.</li> <li>5. Not to be worn as an outer layer.</li> <li>6. With the exception of tactical deployment in the field, it is to be worn as an outer garment only.</li> <li>7. Nomex flame retardant non-slip gloves may be authorised for use when required.</li> <li>8. Badges. Only those authorised by the DPC.</li> </ol>

**No 4 Service Dress (Optional Mess Dress) Male All Ranks**

**0227.** The order of dress is the same as for No 1 SD except that a white Marcella or plain white shirt with normal collar and black bow tie replaces the wedgwood blue shirt. Medals are not worn.



**ORDER OF DRESS - No 4 OPTIONAL MESS DRESS – MALE ALL RANKS**

<p><b>Short Description &amp; Occasion for Wear</b></p>	<p><b>All Ranks</b></p>
<p><b>No 4 Service Dress - Optional Mess Dress</b> <b>(No 4 SD)</b></p> <p>This is an interim mess dress for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Officer cadets who have not yet received scaled No 5 Mess Dress.</li> <li>2. Non-regular officers, with the exception of those serving on class J commission.</li> <li>3. Airmen of all ranks.</li> </ol>	<p>No 1 SD excepting:</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Plain white collared attached (Wing collars are not permitted)</p> <p><b>Tie:</b> Black bow tie</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black patent evening, Oxford or DMS</p> <p><b>Medals are not worn</b></p>

### **No 5 Mess Dress (No 5 SD) – Male Officers, Warrant Officers and SNCOs**

**0228. Occasions for Wear.** The No 5 SD is provided as an initial free issue to regular serving commissioned officers but is an optional purchase item for WOs and SNCOs. It is reserved in the main as an evening or mess dress and is worn by commissioned officers, WOs and SNCOs at formal evening functions e.g. dining-in nights and guest nights. It may also be worn by retired officers, WOs and SNCOs and additionally, officers serving in the FTRS, RAFRO class CC, RAuxAF and RAFVR (T) on all occasions when this form of dress is appropriate for serving personnel. Badges of rank are to be worn as follows:

- a. **Officers.** Full width gold ranking lace is worn on the sleeve of the RAF No 5 SD composed as prescribed for No 1 SD. Fully retired officers wear the badges of rank as recorded in the RAF Retired List.
- b. **WOs and SNCOs.** A gold-embellished, single rank badge is worn on the right sleeve only, in the position prescribed for No 1 SD. Retired WOs and SNCOs wear the badges of rank to which they were eligible at the time of discharge.
- c. Officers serving on commissions in the subsidiary branches listed above wear the badges of rank conversant with their current posts.

### **No 5 Mess Dress - Authorised Ensemble**

**0229. Hat.** No 1 SD hat appropriate to rank – outdoors only.

**0230. Jacket.** All commissioned ranks wear the same design jacket and all WOs and SNCOs wear a similar design jacket. Officers of the rank of AVM and above wear plain shoulder boards; this rule also applies to all officers entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher See Chap 9). Half size gold embroidered flying badges may be worn where appropriate. Illustrations and relevant Orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section

**0231. Trousers.** Only No 5 SD trousers are to be worn. The trousers can be supported by braces.

**0232. Shirt.** Officers wear a white, Marcella shirt of approved design, worn with gold cuff links. WOs and SNCOs have the option of the Marcella shirt or a similar plain white dress shirt. Chaplains may wear a white shirt with vest stock and double collar.

**0233. Waistcoat/Cummerbund.** Officers are to wear the blue waistcoat (No 5B SD), but, at the Station Commander's discretion, it may be replaced with a slate grey, pleated cummerbund. Official Sqn, Unit, Wing or Formation cummerbunds may only be worn by officers, WOs and SNCOs at the station commander's discretion and only on occasions when official guests are not present. When official guests are present a slate grey pleated cummerbund is always to be worn by WOs and SNCOs.

**0234. Bow Tie.** Plain black double ended. Sqn/Unit/Wing/Formation bow ties are not to be worn with No 5B SD uniform at any time.

**0235. Socks.** Black.

**0236. Shoes.** Black patent evening shoes, without toecaps.

**0237. Dress Studs and Cufflinks.** Plain gold or gold types are optional.

#### **No 5 Mess Dress -Full Ceremonial Evening (No 5A SD) - Officers Only**

**0238.** The standard No 5 SD waistcoat is replaced by a white waistcoat and it is worn with a white wing collared shirt and white bow tie. The white waistcoat, wing-collared shirt and white bow tie are pool items and are available for loan from the Ceremonial Pool. Any officer requiring the loan of these items is to apply through HQPTC UCPSM2.

**0239. Kilts.** Only members of the Scottish-based RAuxAF Sqns, whilst serving on those Sqns, may, at the discretion of the Station Commander, wear kilts of grey Douglas tartan with No 5B SD. No other tartan is permitted. Kilts are not to be worn outside the confines of the Squadron/Station/Unit function and no other member of the RAF or RAuxAF may wear this or any other kilt with No 5B SD uniform at any occasion.

**No 5 MESS DRESS (No 5 SD) – MALE OFFICERS, WO & SNCOs**



**Officer No 5**



**Officer No 5B**



New Image Pending- white bowtie  
**Officer No 5A**



**SNCO No 5**

**ORDERS OF DRESS - No 5, 5B & 5A - MESS DRESS - MALE OFFICERS, WO & SNCO**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 5, 5B Mess Dress</b> <b>(No 5 SD)</b></p> <p>Reserved in the main as an evening or mess dress, worn by commissioned officers, WOs and SNCOs at formal evening functions e.g. dining-in nights and guest nights.</p> <p><b>No 5A Mess Dress</b> <b>(No 5A SD)</b></p> <p>Is Full Ceremonial Evening dress for officers only (Note 2)</p> <p>Reserved for specific occasions as detailed at Annex D, to Chapter 10.</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD hat (outdoors only)</p> <p><b>Jacket:</b> Mess dress blue/grey.</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> Mess dress blue/grey.</p> <p><b>Waistcoat:</b> Blue/grey (No 5B SD). (Note 1)</p> <p><b>Cummerbund:</b> Slate grey pleated (Note 1).</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> White Marcella.</p> <p><b>Dress studs:</b> Plain gold or gold type.</p> <p><b>Cuff links:</b> Plain gold or gold type.</p> <p><b>Bow Tie:</b> Plain black double ended.</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black patent evening without toecaps.</p> <p><b>Coat:</b> Optional - Issue outerwear</p>	<p>1. Officers only – Mess Dress with waistcoat is designated as No 5B. At Stn Cdrs discretion the blue/grey waistcoat may be replaced by the slate grey pleated cummerbund.</p> <p>2. No 5A SD is for officers only. The standard No 5 SD waistcoat is replaced by a white waistcoat and it is worn with a white wing collared shirt and white bow tie. The white waistcoat and wing-collared shirt are pool items and are available for loan from the Ceremonial Pool. Any officer requiring the loan of these items is to apply to HQPTC (UCPSM2).</p>

**RAF No 6, 7 & 8 Service Dress (Warm Weather Areas) – Male Officers and Airmen**

**0240. Dates of Changeover.** The following are the normal changeover dates between temperate and warm weather dress in the specified areas, unless a variation is broadcast by the command or formation concerned:

	Warm-weather to temperate	Temperate to warm-weather
Cyprus	3rd Monday in November	3rd Monday in April
Gibraltar	4th Monday in October	3rd Monday in May

Changes in the above dates and the effective dates for other areas, are to be signalled by the headquarters concerned to all respective commands for action, giving at least 48 hrs notice. Intending visitors to the above areas in the months of change should consult the relevant overseas theatre staffs/sponsor for advice on dress requirements.

**0241.** It is not possible to publish change dates for other warm weather defined areas as they vary from year to year. Enquiries should be referred to the appropriate local RAF staffs, defence attachés or advisers in the countries concerned.

**RAF No 6 Service Dress (No 6 SD)**

**0242. Occasions For Wear.** All ranks (when in general issue) wear the standard No 6 dress uniform on ceremonial and formal occasions overseas, as ordered by MOD or CINCs. Illustrations and relevant orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section

**RAF No 6 and 6A Service Dress - Authorised Ensemble**

**0243. Hat.** Only the service issue No 1 SD hat may be worn.

**0244. Jackets.**

a. **No 6 SD.** Officers & WO Jackets have epaulettes for rank slides. FS and below have no epaulettes and rank is worn on sleeve. It should be worn with creases pressed in, on the front and rear of each sleeve.

b. **No 6A SD.** Only scaled for officers holding specific appointments. Consists of a pocket-less jacket in white polyester cotton fastened by six 37 ligne detachable mounted gilt buttons. Worn with No 1 SD Hat, white T shirt, No 8 dress uniform shoulder straps, black oxford shoes and black socks. A full sized gold and silver wire flying/aircrew brevet and aiguillettes are to be worn by entitled personnel (See Annex B to Chap 9).

**0245. Trousers.** The No 6 and 6A SD trousers are made of the same material as the relevant jacket and are to be worn with pressed in creases, front and back, extending the full length of each leg.

**0246. Shirt.** A stone long-sleeved shirt is to be worn with No 6 SD with creases pressed in on each sleeve, running from the centre of the epaulette to the cuff. Chaplains may wear a white shirt with a clerical collar and spade stock (not double collar).

**0247. Tie.** The issue black tie, secured with a Windsor knot, should be worn with No 6 SD.

**0248. Socks.** Black only.

**0249. Shoes.** Oxford pattern shoes are to be worn by officers and WOs. All other airmen are to wear service issue DMS shoes.

**No 6 SERVICE DRESS (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – MALE**



**Officer & WO - example used is ADC**  
*(new images pending)*



**FS and Below**

**ORDERS OF DRESS RAF No 6 SERVICE DRESS (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – MALE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Ensemble</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 6 Service Dress - Warm Weather Areas.</b></p> <p><b>(No 6 SD)</b></p> <p>This order of dress is reserved for ceremonial and other formal occasions as ordered during authorised warm weather periods</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD</p> <p><b>Jacket:</b> No 6 SD Stone</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 6 SD Stone</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Long sleeve stone</p> <p><b>Tie:</b> Black issue</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue, highly polished oxfords for officers and WOs, DMS for other ranks.</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black issue</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> White (Note 2)</p>	<p>1. Officers &amp; WO Jackets have epaulettes for rank slides. FS and below have no epaulettes and rank is worn on sleeve.</p> <p>2. Must be worn by officers &amp; WOs if sword is carried, otherwise only if ordered.</p>

**No 6A SD - FULL CEREMONIAL DRESS (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – MALE OFFICERS ONLY**



**ORDER OF DRESS No 6A SD - FULL CEREMONIAL DRESS (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – OFFICERS ONLY**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 6A Service Dress - Full Ceremonial Dress - Warm Weather Areas</b></p> <p><b>(No 6A SD)</b></p> <p>This order of dress is scaled for officers holding specific appointments. Optional for other officers at their own expense</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD</p> <p><b>Jacket:</b> No 6A SD – White (Notes 1, 2 &amp; 3)</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 6A SD - White</p> <p><b>Sash:</b> Air Officer (AVM and above)</p> <p><b>Shoulder straps:</b> No 8 SD (Mess Dress)</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue oxfords</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black issue</p> <p><b>Gloves:</b> White</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aiguillettes are to be worn by entitled personnel (See Annex B to Chap 9).</li> <li>2. A full size, gold and silver flying/aircrew brevet is to be worn by entitled personnel.</li> <li>3. A plain white T shirt is be worn under the jacket of this uniform.</li> </ol>

**RAF No 7 Service Dress(No 7 SD) – Warm Weather Areas**

**0250. Occasions for Wear.** All forms of No 7 SD are worn in designated warm weather areas overseas as a routine working dress. Illustrations and relevant orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section

**Authorised Ensemble**

**0251. No 7A SD – Long Trouser Mode.**

**a. Shirt.** Long Sleeve shirt or short sleeve shirt may be worn. When worn with long sleeve shirt, black issue tie is to be worn at all times and the sleeves remain buttoned at the wrist.

**b. Footwear.** Black issue service shoes or desert boots of approved pattern. Issue black or issue/approved stone coloured socks are to be worn.

**c. Belt.** Blue/grey belt or authorised pattern stable may be worn.

**d. Headdress.** Officers may wear No 1 SD hat or forage cap. Airmen may wear No 1 SD hat, optional forage cap or beret.

**0252. No 7B SD – Short Trouser Mode.**

**a. Shirt.** Stone short sleeve.

**b. Footwear.** DMS or Desert boots of approved pattern.

**c. Socks.** Issue short stone colour.

**d. Belt.** Authorised pattern stable belt may be worn.

**e. Headdress.** Officers may wear No 1 SD hat or forage cap. Airmen may wear beret, optional forage cap or No SD 1 hat.

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**No 7A & 7B SD MALE ALL RANKS**



**No 7A Dress**

**IMAGE PENDING  
No 7B Dress  
(Shown with short socks and optional stable belt)**

**ORDERS OF DRESS – No 7A & B DRESS (WARM WEATHER AREAS) MALE ALL RANKS**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 7A Routine Dress, long Trousers - Warm Weather Areas.</b></p> <p><b>(No 7A SD)</b></p> <p>Is worn as routine working dress during authorised warm weather periods</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> Officers, No 1 SD (Note 1). Other ranks, Beret (Note 2)</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Long or short sleeve stone. (Note 3)</p> <p><b>Long Trousers:</b> Stone.</p> <p><b>Belt:</b> Blue/grey issue or optional stable belt.</p> <p><b>Tie:</b> Black issue – with long sleeve shirt only.</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black issue, highly polished DMS or oxfords for officers and WOs, DMS for other ranks, or approved pattern desert boot for all ranks.</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black with black shoes, stone with desert boots.</p>	<p>1. Optional - Forage cap. RAF Regt officers only may wear beret.</p> <p>2. Optional -Forage cap or No1 SD Hat.</p> <p>3. As preferred unless otherwise ordered.</p>
<p><b>No 7B SD Routine dress, short trousers - warm weather areas.</b></p> <p><b>(No 7B SD)</b></p> <p>Is worn as routine working dress during authorised warm weather periods</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> Officers, No 1 SD (Note 1). Other ranks, Beret (Note 2)</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> Short sleeve stone.</p> <p><b>Shorts:</b> Issue stone.</p> <p><b>Belt:</b> Authorised optional stable belt.</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Approved pattern desert boots for all ranks.</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> short stone colour.</p>	<p>1. Optional - Forage cap. RAF Regt officers only may wear beret.</p> <p>2. Optional - Forage cap or No 1 SD Hat.</p>

**RAF No 8 Service Dress - Mess Dress -Warm Weather Areas**

**0253. Occasions for wear.** The No 8 SD is an issue item for officers, and an optional item for WOs and SNCOs who may purchase it at personal expense. Officers, WOs and SNCOs wear it at formal evening functions e.g. dining-in nights and guest nights. Those personnel who do not have the No 8 SD should wear No 6 SD. Illustrations and relevant orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section

**Authorised Ensemble**

**0253. Jacket.** All commissioned ranks wear the same design white jacket (with shoulder straps) and all WOs and SNCOs wear an identical design without shoulder straps and with rank badges affixed to the right sleeve of the jacket.

**0254. Trousers.** Standard No 5 SD trousers are normally worn; however, individuals may purchase trousers of the No 5 SD pattern and colour, in a lightweight material if preferred.

**0255.** All remaining accessories are as detailed for No 5 dress.

**No 8 MESS DRESS (WARM WEATHER AREAS) (No 8 SD) MALE OFFICERS AND SNCOS**



**ORDERS OF DRESS No 8 MESS DRESS – MALE OFFICERS AND SNCOs**

<b>Short Description and Occasions for Wear</b>	<b>Authorised Uniform Items</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>No 8 SD - Mess Dress - Warm Weather Areas.</b></p> <p><b>(No 8 SD)</b></p> <p><b>See Notes 1 &amp; 4</b></p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD</p> <p><b>Jacket:</b> Mess, white (Note 2)</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 5 SD (Note 3)</p> <p><b>Cummerbund:</b> Slate grey pleated</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> White, Marcella</p> <p><b>Cuff links:</b> Plain gold</p> <p><b>Tie:</b> Black, bow</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black patent evening</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black</p>	<p>1. Optional, at personal expense for WOs and SNCOs otherwise as other ranks (Note 4)</p> <p>2. WO &amp; SNCO have same officer pattern, No 8 SD Jacket but tailored without shoulder straps and with gold/embroidered rank badge affixed to the right sleeve.</p> <p>3. Optional – Trousers No 5 SD pattern/colour in lightweight material (Self Purchase)</p> <p>4. Other ranks if required wear No 6 SD.</p>
<p><b>No 8A SD - Red Sea Rig - Officers Only</b></p> <p><b>(No 8A SD)</b></p> <p>An informal variant of No 8 SD, only applicable to RAF officers serving in HM ships or Naval shore establishments.</p>	<p><b>Hat:</b> No 1 SD</p> <p><b>Shirt:</b> White short sleeved (Note 1)</p> <p><b>Trousers:</b> No 1 SD or No 5 SD (Note 2)</p> <p><b>Shoulder Boards:</b> No 8 SD (Mess dress)</p> <p><b>Cummerbund:</b> Slate grey pleated</p> <p><b>Shoes:</b> Black patent evening or Oxfords</p> <p><b>Socks:</b> Black</p>	<p>1. Naval Officers pattern</p> <p>2. Optional – Trousers No 5A pattern/colour in lightweight material.</p>

**No 9, 10 and 11 Service Dress For Directors Of Music, Bandmasters And Musicians**

**0256.** Orders of dress for No 9, 10 and 11 Dress are as promulgated by HQ Music Services

**RAF OUTERWEAR**



**Officer & WO**



**Airman**



**General Purpose Jacket**



**MVP Rain Jacket**