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Introduction

This Chapter illustrates, through a selection of explanatory notes and illustrations, the various orders of dress for female RAF personnel. It also 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 WOs. Chaplain's assistants are outfitted on the same basis as female officers; however, they are not to wear RAF insignia or rank badges (other than the RAF Chaplaincy brooch as detailed in **Chapter 7**).

No 1 Service Dress – Female Officers and Airwomen

0301. Occasions for Wear. The No 1 Service Dress Uniform (No 1 SD) is to be worn on all formal and ceremonial occasions as ordered by MOD or CINCs Chief. 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.

0302. Ceremonial Occasions/Females on Parade. Mixed dress of skirts or trousers is not permitted within a parade. When on unit ceremonial duties or parade, the Station Commander will decide whether skirts or trousers are to be worn. For more major, national or state ceremonial occasions the mode of dress will be as directed by SO1 RAF Ceremonial, RAF Northolt and units advised accordingly.

Authorised Ensemble

0303. 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; wg cdrs and below wear a hat with a cloth-covered peak. Officer cadets wear a white band over the black mohair band.

b. Warrant Officers. WOs wear a hat with a cloth-covered peak with an anodised badge depicting an eagle surrounded by laurel leaves surmounted by a crown. RAFP WO wear a white-topped hat.

c. Airwomen. The airwomen No 1 SD hat is worn by all non-commissioned ranks other than WO. RAFP wear a white topped No 1 SD hat with appropriate anodised badge.

d. Hijabs. Muslim females may wear Hijabs of the approved pattern and colour under their No 1 SD uniform headdress. It is worn without cap badge under the hat outdoors, and without hat indoors. It is to be worn in such a way that rank badges are visible at all times.

0304. No 1 SD. The No 1 SD uniform is a 3-piece suit consisting of jacket, skirt and trousers. It is manufactured from the same length of fabric; therefore the jacket from one issue should not be worn with the skirt or trousers from another. All commissioned ranks and WOs wear the same style jacket. Officers who are entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher also wear plain shoulder straps. All airwomen of FS rank and below wear the same style jacket.

0305. Jacket. 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.

0306. No 1 SD Skirt. Only the issue No 1 SD suit skirt is to be worn with the No 1 SD jacket. Vertical creases are not to be pressed into the skirt. The finished length of uniform skirts is to be mid knee.

0307. No 1 SD Trousers. When authorised for wear, the No 1 SD trousers are to be worn with pressed-in creases, front and back, extending the full length of each leg. Court shoes are not to be worn with No1 SD trousers.

0308. Shirt. The Service issue female long-sleeved wedgwood blue shirt is always to be worn, with creases pressed in on each sleeve, running from the centre of the shoulder strap to the cuff. Front darts are to be pressed in to the level of the second button and the rear darts down the full length of the shirt.

0309. Tie. A plain black Service issue tie is to be worn, secured with a windsor knot.

0310. Hose. The approved uniform dress hose colour for wear with No 1 SD on ceremonial occasion is: 15 Denier – Nearly Black.

0311. Shoes. Highly polished Service issue black laced shoes are to be worn on marching occasions, otherwise Service issue court shoes may be worn, as ordered. Court shoes are not to be worn with trousers.

0312. Gloves. Brown Service issue leather gloves are to be worn or carried by all officers and WOs. As ordered, airwomen may wear issue black pattern gloves. As detailed in Chapter 9, personnel may be required to wear white cotton gloves on certain ceremonial occasions.

0313. Blue Sash. Moved to Chapter 1 paras 130 and 131.

0314. Greatcoat. The wearing of greatcoats is authorised as follows:

a. Parades & Ceremonial. When required, for inclement weather, etc, the greatcoat is the normal 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). Unless otherwise ordered, on non-ceremonial occasions, individuals who have their own serviceable issue greatcoats may wear them as outerwear with No 1 SD.

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 boards, one set with conventional blue/black rank braid whilst the other is ranked in gold, with embellishments.

No 1A Service Dress – Officers Of AVM Rank and Above.

0315. Female officers may wear No 1A dress as ordered, the specific details for which, are as per their male counterparts (**see Chap 2**). DNS (RAF), by nature of appointment, wears the AO sash but not ceremonial boards.

No 1 SERVICE DRESS (No 1 SD) - FEMALE OFFICERS, WO AND AIRWOMEN



ORDERS OF DRESS – No 1 SERVICE DRESS - FEMALE ALL RANKS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 1 Service Dress Uniform (No 1 SD)</p> <p>Reserved for parades, ceremonial and other formal occasions, as ordered.</p>	<p>Hat: No 1 SD Hat.</p> <p>Jacket: No 1 SD.</p> <p>Skirt or Trousers: No 1 SD (Note 1)</p> <p>Shirt: Issue long sleeve Wedgwood Blue.</p> <p>Tie: Black issue.</p> <p>Shoes: Highly polished black laced or Service issue court, as ordered. (Note 2)</p> <p>Hose: 15 Denier – Nearly black. Black issue socks with trousers.</p> <p>Gloves: Brown leather for officers and WOs - white if sword is carried. If ordered, other ranks wear black issue leather. (Note 3)</p> <p>Coat: Greatcoat if required/ordered. (Note 4)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No 1 SD uniform for unit ceremonial occasions will be set by the Stn Cdr, who will decide whether skirts or trousers are to be worn. For more major, national or state ceremonial occasions the mode of dress will be as directed by SO1 RAF Ceremonial. Mixed dress of skirts or trousers is not permitted within a parade. 2. Court shoes are not to be worn for marching or with trousers. 3. On certain ceremonial occasions (Chap 9) white cotton gloves and white belts will be worn by detailed personnel 4. 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.

No 2 Service Working Dress – Female Officers and Airwomen

0316. 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. Illustrations and relevant orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section

- a. No 2 (Full) Service Working Dress Uniform (No 2 SD).** No 2 SD is jersey and long sleeve shirt mode with 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, or Service issue blouse 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) Working Dress Uniform (No 2C SD).** Only those personnel detailed at Para 0321(c) may wear No 2C SD, indoors and outdoors, as a routine working dress, throughout the year.

No 2 Service Dress - Authorised Ensemble

0317. Hat. The No 2 headdress options are as follows:

- a. Officers.** Female officers may either wear their own style, No 1 SD hat, the airwomen's No 1 SD hat with appropriate badge, or privately purchased field service cap. Officers are not to wear berets.
- b. Airwomen.** All female non-commissioned personnel may wear No 1 SD hat, field service cap or beret. WOs may either wear their own style No 1 SD hat or airwomen's No 1 SD hat with appropriate badge. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD.
- c. Hijabs.** Muslim females may wear the approved pattern Hijab under uniform headdress except when operational, training and health and safety considerations dictate otherwise. It is always worn without cap badge and is worn indoors (without hat). It is to be worn in such a way that rank slides are visible at all times.

0318. Jersey. Issue V or crew neck jersey. Stable belts are not to be worn outside the jersey. When worn with GPJ the bottom of the jersey is not to protrude below the waistband of the jacket. **When not wearing a proscribed order of dress, a short sleeve shirt may be worn under a jersey with the addition of a tie.**

0319. Skirt. Only the Service issue No 2 SD skirt is to be worn. The finished length of the skirt is to be mid-knee. Unless otherwise ordered, it may be worn throughout the year at the individual's discretion.

0320. 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. Unless otherwise ordered, they may be worn throughout the year at the individual's discretion. **Females may elect to wear male pattern No2 SD trousers on grounds of better fit and/or comfort.**

0321. Shirts

a. Long-Sleeved Shirt. Only the Service issue long sleeved wedgwood blue shirt is to be worn with No 2 SD and 2A SD. It is to be worn with creases pressed in on each sleeve running from the centre of the shoulder strap to the cuff. Front darts are to be pressed in to the level of the second button and the rear darts down the full length of the shirt. Sleeves are never rolled up. A tie must be worn.

b. Short Sleeved Shirt and Blouse. Only the Service issue short-sleeved, wedgwood blue shirt or blouse 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 shoulder strap to the sleeve end. Front darts are to be pressed in to the level of the second button and the rear darts down the full length of the shirt. The blouse is never worn with a tie. In colder conditions the jersey may be worn over the blouse, arranging the reverse collar so that it lies neatly outside the jersey neck.

c. Dark Blue Working Shirt. RAF dark blue working shirt, No 2C SD, is authorised for wear, throughout the year, by airwomen 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 Logistics
TG 2 Electrical Engineering	TG 3 Ground Electronic Engineering
TG 13 Safety & Surface	TG 4 Information Communication Technology
TG 18 Logistics (Supply & Movements)	TG 5 General Engineering

0322. Hosiery. Service issue black socks are to be worn with trousers. Nearly black tights/stockings are to be worn with the skirt.

0323. Coats. Only issue outerwear is to be worn by officers or airwomen. Unless otherwise detailed, personnel who are in possession of their own serviceable greatcoat may wear them with No 2 SD and No 2A SD.

0324. Blue Leather Flying Jacket. A blue leather flying jacket of the standard approved pattern may be purchased at personal expense and worn with No 2 SD by Officers, WOs and SNCOs. If worn, the jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 10cm from the top zip stop.

0325. Gloves. Issue brown leather for officers & WOs and issue black leather for FS and below.

0326. Footwear. Unless otherwise ordered, Service issue black laced shoes or Service issue court shoes may be worn with the skirt. Court shoes are not to be worn with trousers or when engaged in foot drill. **Females may elect to wear male pattern DMS shoes with No2 SD trousers on grounds of better fit and/or comfort.**

0327. Belts. When trousers are worn with No 2 SD options, unless otherwise ordered, the approved pattern stable belts or blue/grey optional 'money' belts may be worn. When the stable belt is 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 and money belts are not to be worn outside a jersey.

Maternity Wear

0328. DCI JS 18/01 gives details on the issue of maternity wear. Maternity wear is designed to be worn from a point when the standard uniform becomes too tight. Available wear is a choice/combination of dress, trousers, short sleeve shirts & cardigan. Shirts are to be worn outside the trousers. The dress, shirts and cardigans are designed to take standard rank insignia. The MVP RAF Weatherproof Jacket will accommodate the majority of pregnancies up to maternity leave. As a last resort if a suitable size Service issue jacket cannot be provided a dark civilian top coat may be worn outdoors. Headwear should not be worn in this instance.

No 2 (FULL) SERVICE WORKING DRESS (No 2 SD) – FEMALE ALL RANKS



ORDERS OF DRESS – No 2 (FULL) SERVICE WORKING DRESS – FEMALE ALL RANKS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 2 (Full) Service Working Dress Uniform</p> <p>(No 2 SD)</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, can be worn as a standard working dress, indoors and outdoors all year round</p>	<p>Hat: No 1 SD for officers (Note 1), beret for other ranks. (Note 2)</p> <p>Shirt: Issue long sleeve wedgwood blue. (Note 3)</p> <p>Tie: Black Issue.</p> <p>Jersey: Issue blue/grey V or crew neck. (Note 3).</p> <p>Skirt: No 2 SD.</p> <p>Trousers: No 2 SD. (Note 4)</p> <p>Belt: Optional RAF Stable Belt or the blue/grey money belt (Note 5).</p> <p>Shoes: Black issue, highly polished laced or court. (Note 6)</p> <p>Hose: Nearly black tights or stockings. Black issue socks with trousers</p> <p>Coat: Issue (blue) outerwear. (Note 7)</p> <p>Gloves: Brown leather for officers and WOs, black leather issue for other ranks. (Note 8)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Optional field service cap. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD 2. Optional No 1 SD Hat or field service cap. 3. A tie is to be worn. 4. Optional unless otherwise ordered 5. The stable belt is not to be worn external to the jersey. 6. Court shoes can only worn with skirt but they are not to be worn for marching. If marching in skirts, flat-soled laced shoes are to be worn. 7. 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 3-42) 8. Optional for inclement weather. Gloves can only be worn with jersey or outerwear.

No 2A (LONG SLEEVE) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS (No 2A SD) – FEMALE ALL RANKS



(Shown with optional Money and Stable belts)

ORDERS OF DRESS – No 2A (LONG SLEEVE) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS – FEMALE ALL RANKS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 2A (Long sleeve) Service Working Dress Uniform</p> <p>(No 2A SD)</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 standard working dress, indoors and outdoors all year round</p>	<p>Hat: No 1 SD for officers (Note 1), beret for other ranks. (Note 2)</p> <p>Shirt: Issue long sleeve wedgwood blue. (Note 3)</p> <p>Tie: Black Issue. (Note 3)</p> <p>Skirt: No 2 SD.</p> <p>Trousers: No 2 SD. (Note 4)</p> <p>Belt: Optional RAF Stable Belt or the optional blue/grey money belt (Note 5).</p> <p>Shoes: Black issue, highly polished laced or court. (Note 6)</p> <p>Hose: Nearly black tights or stockings. Black issue socks with trousers.</p> <p>Coat: Issue (blue) outerwear. (Note 7)</p> <p>Gloves: Brown leather for officers and WOs, black leather issue for other ranks. (Note 8)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Optional field service cap. RAFF WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD 2. Optional No 1 SD Hat or FSC. 3. Even in the working place, under no circumstances are ties to be removed or shirtsleeves rolled up. 4. Optional unless otherwise ordered 5. The stable belt is not to be worn external to the jersey. 6. Court shoes can only worn with skirt but they are not to be worn for marching. If marching in skirts, flat-soled laced shoes are to be worn. 7. Optional for inclement weather. If worn, the jacket zip slider is to be zipped up to at least 10cm from the top zip stop. (Page3-42) 8. Optional for inclement weather. Gloves can only be worn with outerwear.

No 2B (SHORT SLEEVE) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS (No 2B SD) – FEMALE ALL RANKS



With Skirt



Trousers

ORDERS OF DRESS – No 2B (SHORT SLEEVE) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS - FEMALE ALL RANKS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 2B (Short Sleeve) Working Dress Uniform</p> <p>(No 2B SD)</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, can be worn as a standard working dress, indoors and outdoors all year round</p>	<p>Hat: No 1 SD for officers (Note 1), beret for other ranks. (Note 2)</p> <p>Shirt: Issue short sleeve wedgwood blue or blue blouse. (Note 3)</p> <p>Skirt: No 2 SD.</p> <p>Jersey: The jersey may only be donned over the blouse, the collar arranged to lie flat external to the v-neck.</p> <p>Trousers: No 2 SD. (Note 4)</p> <p>Belt: Optional RAF Stable Belt or the optional blue/grey money belt (Note 5).</p> <p>Shoes: Black issue, highly polished laced or court. (Note 5)</p> <p>Hose: Nearly black tights or stockings. Black issue socks with trousers.</p> <p>Coat: Issue (blue) outerwear. (Note 6)</p> <p>Gloves: Brown leather for officers and WOs, black leather issue for other ranks. (Note 7)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Optional field service cap. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD 2. Optional No 1 SD Hat or FSC. 3. Only the top (collar) button is to be undone. If worn, under vests are not to be visible. 4. Optional unless otherwise ordered 5. Court shoes can only be worn with skirt but they are not to be worn for marching. If marching in skirts, flat-soled laced shoes are to be worn. 6. 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 3-42) 7. Optional for inclement weather. Gloves can only be worn with outerwear.

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



Shown with 'optional' Money Belt

ORDERS OF DRESS - No 2C (RESTRICTED) ROUTINE WORKING DRESS – AIRWOMEN ONLY

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 2C – (Restricted) Routine Working Dress.</p> <p>(No 2C SD)</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, can be worn all year round by those trades listed at Para 0321 c.</p>	<p>Hat: Beret. (Note 1)</p> <p>Shirt: Issue dark blue long sleeve. (Note 2)</p> <p>Skirt or Trousers: No 2 SD. (Note 3)</p> <p>Belt: Optional RAF Stable Belt or the blue/grey money belt (Note 5).</p> <p>Shoes: Issue, highly polished black laced.</p> <p>Hose: Black issue socks with trousers.</p> <p>Jersey: Issue blue/grey V or crew neck. (Note 4)</p> <p>Coat: Issue (blue) outerwear. (Note 6)</p> <p>Gloves: Brown leather for officers and WOs, black leather issue for other ranks. (Note 5)</p>	<p>1. Optional – No 1 SD Hat or field service cap.</p> <p>2. Never worn with tie. Sleeves may rolled up to above the elbow. If under vest is worn it is not to be visible.</p> <p>3. Optional unless otherwise ordered</p> <p>4. Optional - if worn, shirt collar is to be external to the jersey neck.</p> <p>5. Optional but only with jersey or outerwear</p> <p>6. 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 3-42)</p>

No 3 DRESS (No 3 SD) - OPERATIONAL CLOTHING – FEMALE OFFICERS AND AIRWOMEN

0329. No 3 Service Dress – Operational Clothing is issued to all RAF personnel and as such rules and regulations appertaining to its wear apply equally to male and female personnel. Regulations for No 3 dress are as detailed for at Chap 2.

No 4 Service Dress - Optional Mess Dress – Female All Ranks

0330. 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 SD - OPTIONAL MESS DRESS – FEMALE ALL RANKS

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

No 5 Mess Dress (No 5 SD) – Female Officers, WOs and SNCOs

0331. Occasions For Wear. The No 5 SD is provided as an initial free issue to regular serving commissioned officers and for SNCOs promoted post 1 Apr 09. It remains an optional item for those WOs and SNCOs promoted before 1 Apr 09. It is reserved in the main as an evening or Mess Dress and is worn by 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. Fully retired officers wear the badges of rank as recorded in RAF Retired List (worn on both sleeves of the uniform).
- b. Officers serving on commissions in the subsidiary branches listed above wear the badges of rank conversant with their current posts (worn on both sleeves of the uniform).
- c. Retired WOs and SNCOs wear the badges of rank to which they were eligible at the time of discharge (worn on the right sleeve of the uniform only).

No 5 Mess Dress – Authorised Ensemble

0332. Jacket. All personnel wear the same design jacket; however, officers entitled to wear aiguillettes and/or the Royal Cypher also wear plain shoulder straps. Half-size gold embroidered flying badges may be worn where appropriate.

0333. Skirt. All personnel wear the same design ankle length skirt, which is to have a 12” slit only, measured from the bottom edge of the hem at the centre back seam.

0334. Shirt. The standard approved female pattern white Marcella shirt is to be worn fastened to the neck and worn with small black bow tie.

0335. Cummerbund. A plain slate grey cummerbund without pleating is normally to be worn. 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 plain slate grey cummerbund is always to be worn.

0336. Hose. As for No 1 SD dress.

0337. Shoes. Black patent evening or court shoes.

0338. Handbag. Black patent evening or clutch bag.

0339. Earrings. Small plain spherical, pearl or gold earrings may be worn

No 5 MESS DRESS (No 5 SD) – FEMALE OFFICERS, WO & SNCOS



ORDERS OF DRESS - No 5 MESS DRESS – FEMALE OFFICERS, WOs & SNCOS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 5 Mess Dress (No 5 SD)</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>Hat: No 1 SD hat.</p> <p>Jacket: Mess dress blue/grey.</p> <p>Shirt: Female White Marcella.</p> <p>Skirt: Mess dress blue/grey.</p> <p>Cummerbund: Plain un-pleated slate grey.</p> <p>Bow Tie: Small plain black double ended.</p> <p>Hose: As for No 1 SD.</p> <p>Earrings: Small, plain, pearl or gold.</p> <p>Handbag: Black patent evening or clutch bag.</p> <p>Shoes: Black patent evening or court.</p> <p>Coat: Issue outerwear.</p>	

No 6, 7 & 8 Service Dress (Warm Weather Area) – Female Officers and Airwomen

0340. Dates Of Changeover. The changeover dates between temperate and warm weather dress are as detailed in **paras 0240.**

Female No 6 Dress (No 6 SD)**0341. Occasions For Wear.**

a. No 6 SD Uniform. The standard No 6 SD (3 piece KD suit) dress uniform is to be worn by female officers and airwomen on all formal and ceremonial occasions overseas as ordered by MOD or CINCs. Mode of No 6 dress uniform for unit ceremonial occasions will be set by the Station Commander, who will decide whether skirts or trousers are to be worn. For more major, national or state ceremonial occasions the mode of dress will be as directed by SO1 RAF Ceremonial. Mixed dress of skirts or trousers is not permitted within a parade. Illustrations and relevant Orders of dress are detailed at the end of this section.

c. No 6A SD Full Ceremonial Day (White Suit). Only issued to female officers filling specific appointments. Worn for formal and ceremonial occasions overseas as, as ordered by MOD or CINCs. Female officers may wear No 6A dress as ordered, the specific details for which are as per their male counterparts detailed at **Chap 2.**

d. No 6 Dress (Frock). No 6B SD (Working) Dress Frock is worn by all ranks on all other occasions and as a routine working dress. All ranks will be given an option to have a reduced scale in preference for an issue of No 7 service dress items - long KD trousers, KD shorts and short sleeve KD shirt; AP830 will detail exact scaling. No 7 Dress is detailed at Para 0350. Illustrations and relevant Orders of dress for No 6 SD (Frock) are detailed at the end of this section

Authorised Ensemble

0342. Hat. The headdress options are as follows:

a. Officers. The Service issue No 1 SD hat only, is to be worn on formal and ceremonial occasions. However, when worn as routine working dress, they may opt to wear the airwomen's No 1 SD hat, with appropriate hat badge. Berets are not to be worn.

b. Airwomen. The Service issue No 1 SD hat only, is to be worn on formal and ceremonial occasions. No 1 SD hat, beret or optional field service cap may be worn with working dress. WOs may opt to wear the airwomen's No 1 SD hat, with appropriate hat badge as an alternative working dress hat.

0343. Hose. Seamless beige hosiery is to be worn.

0344. Shoes. As ordered, highly polished black laced or court. Court shoes are not to be worn with trousers on any occasion.

0345. Sandals. When ordered, the authorised pattern brown sandals may be worn with the No 6 working dress frock during warm weather seasons. Hose need not be worn, at the individuals' discretion.

No 6 SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM (No 6 SD) - WARM WEATHER – FEMALE OFFICERS, WO AND AIRWOMEN



ORDERS OF DRESS - No 6 SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM (No 6 SD) - WARM WEATHER – FEMALE OFFICERS, WO AND AIRWOMEN

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 6 Service Dress Uniform – Warm Weather Areas.</p> <p>(No 6 SD)</p> <p>This order of dress is reserved for ceremonial and other formal occasions, as ordered.</p>	<p>Hat: No 1 SD hat</p> <p>Jacket: No 6 SD stone</p> <p>Skirt: No 6 SD stone</p> <p>Trousers: No 6 SD stone (Note 1)</p> <p>Shirt: Long sleeve stone</p> <p>Tie: Black issue</p> <p>Hose: Beige seamless tights or stockings with skirt. Black socks with trousers.</p> <p>Shoes: Black laced or court as ordered. (Note 2)</p> <p>Gloves: White - officers and WOs only if sword carried. (Note 3)</p>	<p>1. No 6 Dress uniform for unit ceremonial occasions will be set by the Station Commander, who will decide whether skirts or trousers are to be worn. For more major, national or state ceremonial occasions the mode of dress will be as directed by SO1 RAF Ceremonial. Mixed dress of skirts or trousers is not permitted within a parade.</p> <p>2. Court shoes can only worn with skirt but they are not to be worn for marching. If marching in skirts, flat-soled laced shoes are to be worn.</p> <p>3. On certain ceremonial occasions all personnel may be ordered to wear white gloves.</p>

No 6 & 6B SERVICE DRESS (FROCK) (No 6 SD & No 6B SD) (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – FEMALE ALL RANKS



No 6 Frock

Note: this dress has black buttons not anodised as shown above

(CURRENT) ORDERS OF DRESS - No 6 & 6B SERVICE DRESS (FROCK) (No 6 SD & No 6B SD) (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – FEMALE ALL RANKS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 6B Routine Working Dress (Frock) - Warm Weather Areas</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, is worn as routine working dress during authorised warm weather periods</p>	<p>Hat: No 1 SD hat for officers (Note 1), beret for other ranks (Note 2).</p> <p>Frock: No 6B Warm Weather with black buttons.</p> <p>Hose: Beige seamless tights or stockings (Note 3)</p> <p>Shoes: Black laced. (Note 3)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Optional forage cap. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD. 2. Optional No 1 SD hat or forage cap 3. Optional court shoes or authorised pattern brown sandals. With sandals, hose need not be worn, at the individuals' discretion

No 7 Service Dress (No 7 SD)

0346. Occasions For Wear. No 7A SD (long trousers) and 7B SD (shorts) are worn overseas as a routine working dress. Unless otherwise ordered, it is routine wear by female personnel in the branches and trades listed below and optional working dress for all other branches and trades who elect to take the long trouser and short trousers issue option.

a. Designated Branches/Trades. Unless otherwise ordered, both No 7A and 7B SD are routine working dress for females of the following trades and trade groups:

TG 1	Aircraft Engineering	TG 8	RAF Police
TG 2	Electrical Engineering	TG 9	ATC
TG 3	Ground Electronic Engineering	TG 11	CSA (V) Only
TG 4	Communications Information Systems	TG 13	Safety and Surface
TG 5	General Engineering	TG 14	ASOP and Photographer
TG 6	Mechanical Transport	TG 18	Supply and Movements

b. Other Branches/Trades. Unless otherwise ordered, female personnel not included in the above trade groups who take the trouser & shorts option of dress issue may wear either forms of No7 SD during authorised warm weather periods.

0347. Hat. The headdress options are as follows:

a. Officers. Only the Service issue No 1 SD hat is to be worn on formal and ceremonial occasions. However, when worn as routine working dress, they may opt to wear the airwomens No 1 SD hat, with appropriate hat badge. Berets are not to be worn.

b. Airwomens. The Service issue No 1 SD hat only, is to be worn on formal and ceremonial occasions. No 1 SD hat, beret or optional field service cap may be worn with working dress. WOs may opt to wear the airwomens' No 1 SD hat, with appropriate hat badge as an alternative working dress hat. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD.

0348. Footwear. Service issue flat, laced, black shoes or approved pattern desert boots may be worn with the long trouser mode (No 7A SD). Black socks are to be worn with black shoes; stone socks are worn with desert boots. Desert boots with stone coloured socks are to be worn with the shorts mode (No 7B SD). Court shoes are not to be worn with any form of No 7 SD.

0349. Belt. Optional (own expense) RAF Stable Belt or the blue/grey money belt may be worn with either mode of dress.

No 7A & 7B WORKING DRESS (No 7A SD & No 7B SD) (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – FEMALE ALL RANKS



No7A working Dress – Long Trousers



7B Working Dress – Shorts

(Shown with Optional Money Belt)

ORDERS OF DRESS – No 7A & 7B WORKING DRESS (No 7A SD & No 7B SD) (WARM WEATHER AREAS) – FEMALE ALL RANKS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 7A Routine Dress, long Trousers - Warm Weather Areas.</p> <p>(No 7A SD)</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, is worn as routine working dress during authorised warm weather periods</p>	<p>Hat: Officers, No 1 SD (Note 1). Other ranks, beret (Note 2)</p> <p>Shirt: Long or short sleeve stone. (Note 3)</p> <p>Long Trousers: Stone.</p> <p>Belt: Optional RAF Stable Belt or the blue/grey money belt.</p> <p>Tie: Black issue – with long sleeve shirt only.</p> <p>Shoes: Black issue, highly polished black laced, or approved pattern desert boot for all ranks.</p> <p>Socks: Black with black shoes, stone with desert boots.</p>	<p>1. Optional-Field service cap. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD.</p> <p>2. Optional-Field service cap or No1 SD Hat.</p> <p>3. As preferred unless otherwise ordered.</p>
<p>No 7B Routine Dress, Short Trousers -Warm Weather Areas.</p> <p>(No 7B SD)</p> <p>Unless otherwise ordered, is worn as routine working dress during authorised warm weather periods</p>	<p>Hat: Officers, No 1 SD (Note 1). Other ranks, beret (Note 2)</p> <p>Shirt: Short sleeve stone only.</p> <p>Shorts: Stone.</p> <p>Belt: Optional RAF Stable Belt or the blue/grey money belt.</p> <p>Shoes: Black laced or approved pattern desert boots.</p> <p>Socks: Issue Stone (short or long)</p>	<p>1. Optional – Field service cap. RAF Regiment officers only may wear beret.</p> <p>2. Optional – Field service cap or No 1 SD Hat. RAFP WO & below wear their white topped No 1 SD.</p>

No 8 MESS DRESS (No 8 SD) -WARM WEATHER AREAS - FEMALE OFFICERS, WO & SNCOS

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ORDERS OF DRESS - No 8 MESS DRESS (No 8 SD) -WARM WEATHER AREAS - FEMALE OFFICERS, WO & SNCOS

Short Description and Occasions for Wear	Authorised Uniform Items	Notes
<p>No 8 Mess Dress - Warm Weather Areas.</p> <p>(No 8 SD)</p> <p>Note 1 & 3</p>	<p>Hat: No 1 SD</p> <p>Jacket: Mess, white (Note 2)</p> <p>Skirt: No 5 Mess Dress (Note 3)</p> <p>Cummerbund: Plain unpleated slate grey</p> <p>Shirt: Female White, Marcella</p> <p>Tie: Small black bow</p> <p>Shoes: Black evening or court</p> <p>Hose: As for No 1 SD.</p> <p>Handbag: Black patent evening or clutch bag</p> <p>Earrings: Small plain, pearl or gold earrings may be worn</p>	<p>1. Optional, at personal expense for WOs and SNCOs otherwise as other ranks (Note 4)</p> <p>2. WOs & SNCOs have the same Officer pattern No 8 Jacket but tailored without shoulder straps.</p> <p>3 Optional – Skirt No 5 mess dress pattern/colour in lightweight material</p> <p>4. Other ranks if required wear No 6 SD.</p>

No 9, 10, 11 Service Dress – Female musicians

0350. The orders of dress for female musicians are identical to those of their male counterparts and details are given in chapter 2. However the following plates detail the changes where skirts are substituted for trousers.

No 9 Dress

0351. Shoes. Black George boots. Alternatively Oxford pattern or DMS shoes may be ordered.

No 9a Dress

0352. Shoes. Black court shoes only are to be worn.

No 11 Dress

0353. Shoes. Highly polished service issue DMS shoes are to be worn.

No 11a Dress

0354. Shoes. Black court shoes only are to be worn.

ESTABLISHED BANDS – No 9, No11 and No11a DRESS UNIFORMS - FEMALE MUSICIANS



No9 dress uniform



Musician with Cape



No 11 Ceremonial Parade Dress
Warm Weather Areas



No 11a Concert Dress
Warm Weather Areas

FEMALE OUTERWEAR



Officer & WOs Greatcoat



FS & Below



MVP Jacket



GPJ – With No 2B