



DRESS REGULATION FOR RETIRED OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS





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INTRODUCTION

1. Retired Tri Service Officers and Other Ranks possess a vast experience in their professional fields and are generally recognised as “War Veterans”. In this context, a former member of the Armed Forces of Sri Lanka, (Army, Navy and Air Force) who have served during declared or undeclared operations or on active service attained highest rank and retired under honourable or general conditions are considered as veterans. Reservists who are called for active service by an executive order also come under this category. Wearing a uniform after retirement as described hereunder, is a privilege granted in recognition of the loyal and dedicated service rendered to the country.

2. The retired military personnel of the Tri Services who have obtained the membership of Ex-Servicemen Association (The only organization that is registered and approved by the Ministry of Defence) with regard to the mentioned rules accordingly and invited to national functions, military and non-military events (Schools and other Organizations) are eligible to wear the dresses stipulated in this booklet.





AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL TO WEAR THE STIPULATED DRESS CODES

3. The Retired Officers and Other Ranks of the Tri Services are authorized to wear respective dresses mentioned below:
- a. Retired Service Commanders.
 - b. Retired Flag Rank Officers.
 - c. Retired personnel who are called for active service from the Regular (General) Reserve/Volunteer (General) Reserve to serve in military establishments/Civil establishments.
 - d. Differently abled Ex-Servicemen.
 - e. Officers / Other Ranks Retired with service pension.
 - f. Officers/Other Ranks retired honourably after 10/12 years of enlisted service.
 - g. Officers/ Other Ranks retired on medical grounds. (Officers and Other Ranks who have completed 10-12 years of active service and battle casualties only)
 - h. Officers/ Other Ranks living abroad and those who are in Diplomatic Missions.
 - i. NOK of deceased. (Only standard medals can be worn with the civil attire)





AUTHORISED EVENTS

4. Retired Officers and Other Ranks are authorized to wear the stipulated dress codes for following events which are organized and invited by government/ civil and military organizations. (Service ID issued by the respective svc to be in his/ her possession.)

a. National/ State Functions Events

- (1) National Independence Day.
- (2) Victory Day Celebration.
- (3) National War Memorial Day.
- (4) Armed Forces Remembrance Day.
- (5) The Speech of the Throne/ First Parliamentary Sessions.
- (6) State Dinners.
- (7) Diplomatic Missions/ Receptions.
- (8) State Funerals.





b. Military Functions/ Events

- (1) Tri Services Anniversary Days Regimental/Ships/
Formation Days/ Regimental War Memories Days.
- (2) Passing Out Parades/ Graduation Ceremonies.
- (3) Consecration of Colours Ceremony/
Re-awarding of colours
- (4) Dinner Nights/ Guest Nights.
- (5) Military Weddings.
- (6) Military Funerals

c. Non Military Functions/Events Organized by Civil
Organization

- (1) Patriotic Parades (Government organized)
- (2) Social events held in honour of Retired Servicemen
- (3) School events such as Investiture Ceremonies (School
Cadet/Ceremonies Presenting Honours / Prefect Day etc...)





UNAUTHORISED EVENTS AND PERSONNEL

5. Wearing uniforms at below mentioned places and events is prohibited for discharged and retired members of Tri Services:

- a. At any meeting or demonstration which is anti-government in nature.
- b. During political activities where candidates of political parties display their uniformed pictures in placards and billboards in public/ mass/ social media and banned as per the government gazette.
- c. Private employment or commercial interests, when an inference of official sponsorship for the activity could be drawn.
- d. When appearing in civil or criminal court.
- e. Participating in public speeches, interview, picket line, marches or rallies, or any public demonstration which may imply official military sanction.
- f. Furthering political activities, private employment, or commercial interests.
- g. Working in an off- duty civilian capacity.
- h. Retired Officers and Other Ranks who work in civil institutions/ security services.





STIPULATED DRESS CODES FOR RETIRED OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS

6. The dress codes stipulated for Officers and Other Ranks of Tri Services are as shown below:

- a. Retired Officers and Other Ranks (Male) – Annex A
- b. Retired Officers and Other Ranks (Female) – Annex B

7. The cap badges as per the Services and Ranks are as shown below:

Sri Lanka Army



Maj Gen & above



Brig & Col



Lt Col & below





Sri Lanka Navy



RAdm and above



Cmde Rank



Capt and below Ranks

Sri Lanka Air Force



Air Cdre & above



Gp Capt & below
Officers



Other Ranks





ANNEX 'A'

RETIRED OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS – MALE



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Ser	Items	Description	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Shirt	White long sleeve	
2.	Blazer/Suits	Black/ Dark Blue	
3.	Trousers	Black/ Grey	
4.	Headdress	Beret	<p>Army. Colonel and above embroidered badge with regimental pattern beret and Lieutenant Colonel and below respective regimental badge with regimental pattern beret.</p> <p>Navy. Blue/Black colour beret as appropriate with officers embroidered miniature cap badge.</p> <p>Air Force. Embroidered officers cap badge with beret</p>
5.	Tie/Bow	Respective Service Tie	a. Service Tie As appropriate b. Black colour Tie/Bow for funeral
6.	Shoes	Shoes with lase	Black/Brown as appropriate for slacks
7.	Socks	As appropriate	Black socks for black trousers Grey socks for grey trousers
8.	Belt	As appropriate	Black/ Brown colour
9.	Stars	A gold/silver star as per the Service (height/width of star : 1.5cm)	Tri Service Flag Officers (Brigadier an above) on the top left side of the lapel as per the rank only for Blazer/Suit



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10.	Medal	Standard Medal to be worn on the left side of the chest	In case, the retired officer is from a family of a deceased war veteran, he/she can wear his/her own family member's medal on the right side of the chest.(Not allowed for in-service personnel)
11.	Badges	Approved and qualified badge	On the right side of the lapel as per the order of the seniority of respective service only for Blazer/Suite

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**RETIRED OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS
DRESS – FEMALE**



B - 1

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Ser	Items	Description	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	Saree	Light coloured Saree	as appropriate
2.	Headdress	Beret	<p>Army. Colonel and above, respective regimental colour beret with embroidered pattern cap badge. Lieutenant Colonel and below, respective regimental colour beret with regimental pattern cap badge.</p> <p>Navy. Wear Blue/Black colour beret as appropriate with officers embroidered miniature cap badge.</p> <p>Air Force. Embroidered officers cap badge with beret</p>
3.	Shoes	As appropriate for the Saree and the event	As appropriate for saree
4.	Stars	A gold/silver star as per the Service (height/width of star : 1.5cm)	Tri Service Flag Officers (Brigadier and above) on the top left side of the lapel as per the rank only for Blazer/Suit
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6.	Badges	Approved and qualified badge	On the right side of the lapel as per the order of the seniority by respective services (Only for Blazer/Suits)



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