



THE CANADIAN HONOURS SYSTEM

WEARING *of*
**ORDERS,
DECORATIONS**
and **MEDALS**

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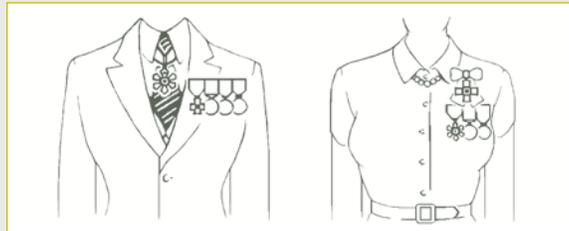
For daytime and evening functions of a less formal nature, such as Remembrance Day, Legion or Regimental gatherings, and some medals presentation ceremonies, guests may wear full-size medals with business suits or blazers. The invitation will indicate whether decorations should be worn.

MEN

Full-size insignia suspended from a medal bar are worn attached to the left side of the coat.

Only one neck badge should be worn, suspended from a full-width ribbon. The ribbon is worn under the shirt collar so that the badge rests on the tie immediately below the knot.

The stars of orders should not be worn with business suits.



WOMEN

When attending a day-time function at which men are wearing business suits, women should wear their full-size insignia, which are worn from a medal bar.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn either suspended from a ribbon around the neck or on a bow on the left side above the medal bar (*see note below*).

The stars of orders should not be worn on these occasions.



NOTE: Since 1997, women Companions and Officers of the Order of Canada may wear the full-size insignia either suspended from a ribbon around the neck or on a bow on the left side. If the dress or blouse has a collar, the badge is suspended from a full- or miniature-width ribbon under the collar. If the dress has an open neckline, the badge is suspended from a miniature-width ribbon.

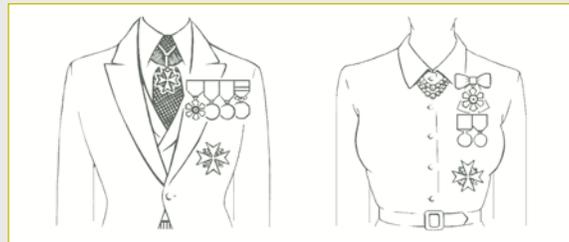
At functions where morning dress may be worn, the host will indicate on the invitation whether decorations should also be worn.

MEN • TAIL COAT or DIRECTOR'S (SHORT BLACK) COAT

Full-size insignia suspended from a medal bar are worn attached to the left side of the coat.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn, suspended from a full-width ribbon. The ribbon is worn under the shirt collar so that the badge rests on the tie immediately below the knot.

As many as four stars of orders may be worn on the tail coat and one star only on the director's coat, attached to the left side below the insignia on the medal bar.



WOMEN • AFTERNOON DRESS

Full-size insignia suspended from a medal bar are worn attached to the left side of the dress.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn either suspended from a ribbon around the neck or on a bow on the left side above the medal bar (*see note p. 2*).

Only one star of an order should be worn on the left side of the dress below all other insignia.

*The invitation will read:
"Black tie, long dress — Decorations"
or "Black tie, short dress — Decorations."*

MEN • BLACK TIE

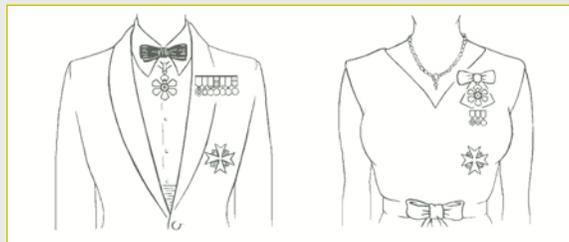
Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals should be worn suspended from a medal bar attached to the left lapel of the coat.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn, suspended from a miniature-width ribbon. The ribbon is worn under the shirt collar so that the badge hangs 2.5 cm below the tie. A miniature of this badge should be included in those worn from the medal bar.

A single award that is not a neck decoration is worn in miniature on the left side.

Only one star of an order should be worn on the left side of the coat.

NOTE: Miniature badges may also be worn with business suit at a formal evening event.



WOMEN • LONG or SHORT DRESS

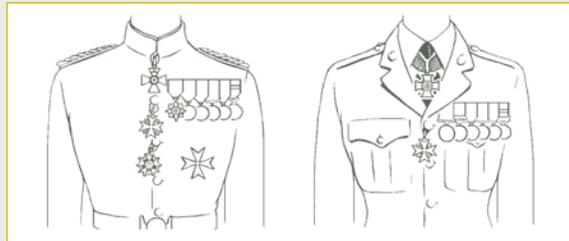
Miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals should be worn suspended from a medal bar attached to the left side of the dress.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn, either suspended from a miniature-width ribbon around the neck, or on a bow on the left side above the medal bar (*see note p.2*). A miniature of this badge should be included in those worn from the medal bar.

A single award that is not a neck decoration is worn in miniature on the left side, either suspended from a ribbon or on a bow.

Only one star of an order should be worn on the left side of the dress.

Male and female members of uniformed organizations, such as the Canadian Forces, Police Forces, the St. John Ambulance Brigade or the Corps of Commissionaires, should wear their insignia as set out in their respective dress regulations.



Below are suggestions to guide those who wear decorations with military uniforms not subject to other regulations.

HIGH-NECK TUNIC

Those full-size insignia mounted on a medal bar should be worn attached to the tunic over the left breast pocket.

As many as three neck badges may be worn. The senior badge suspended from its ribbon is worn inside the collar of the tunic in such a way that the badge hangs outside with about 2.5 cm of the ribbon emerging from the opening of the collar. The second and third badges are worn with the ribbons emerging from the second and third buttonholes.

As many as four stars of orders may be worn on the left side of the tunic.

OPEN-NECK TUNIC

Those full-size insignia mounted on a medal bar should be worn attached to the tunic over the left breast pocket.

Two neck badges may be worn. The senior badge suspended from the full-width ribbon is worn under the collar of the shirt so that the badge rests on the tie immediately below the knot. The second badge is worn with its ribbon emerging from the top buttonhole.

As many as four stars of orders may be worn on the left side of the tunic.

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When not wearing insignia with a military style uniform, it is customary to wear the ribbon alone. The "undress ribbon" is worn around a 1.4 cm wide strip of stiffening material and sewn immediately above the left breast pocket of the tunic. If more than one ribbon is worn, it should be worn without interval with the senior one closest to the centre of the chest.

FORMAL EVENING DRESS

Formal military-style evening dress (mess dress) is the same as for civilian dress (black tie), except that as many as four stars of orders may be worn on the left side of the coat or dress.

OVERCOATS

Only those full-size insignia mounted on a medal bar may be worn on a civilian overcoat at outdoor functions. Stars of orders are not worn.

LAPEL BADGES / PINS

Included in the insignia of some orders and decorations is a lapel badge. This badge may be worn on the left lapel of the coat with any order of dress at any time when the full size or miniature insignia or the undress ribbons are not being worn. Women wear this badge in a similar position on the dress or jacket.

Order of Precedence of Orders, Decorations and Medals

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* : Asterisks indicate approved honours added since April 1998.

1. INSIGNIA OF CANADIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS SHOULD BE WORN IN THE SEQUENCE BELOW. THE POST-NOMINAL LETTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS ARE INDICATED IN BRACKETS.

VICTORIA CROSS (V.C.)

CROSS OF VALOUR (C.V.)

NATIONAL ORDERS

COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF CANADA (C.C.)

OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA (O.C.)

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA (C.M.)

COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT (C.M.M.)

* COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF MERIT
OF THE POLICE FORCES (C.O.M.)

COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER (C.V.O.)

OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT (O.M.M.)

* OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF MERIT
OF THE POLICE FORCES (O.O.M.)

LIEUTENANT OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER (L.V.O.)

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT (M.M.M.)

* MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF MERIT
OF THE POLICE FORCES (M.O.M.)

MEMBER OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER (M.V.O.)

THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM (ALL GRADES)
(POST-NOMINAL LETTERS ONLY FOR INTERNAL USE BY THE ORDER)

PROVINCIAL ORDERS

ORDER OF QUEBEC (G.O.Q., O.Q., C.Q.)

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT (S.O.M.)

ORDER OF ONTARIO (O.ONT.)

ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (O.B.C.)

ALBERTA ORDER OF EXCELLENCE (A.O.E.)

ORDER OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (O.P.E.I.)

* ORDER OF MANITOBA (O.M.)

* ORDER OF NEW BRUNSWICK (O.N.B.)

* ORDER OF NOVA SCOTIA (O.N.S.)

* ORDER OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR (O.N.L.)

DECORATIONS

STAR OF MILITARY VALOUR	(S.M.V.)
STAR OF COURAGE	(S.C.)
MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS	(M.S.C.)
MEDAL OF MILITARY VALOUR	(M.M.V.)
MEDAL OF BRAVERY	(M.B.)
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL	(M.S.M.)
ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL	(R.V.M.)

WAR AND OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDALS

(SEE SECTION 5)

KOREA MEDAL
 CANADIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL FOR KOREA
 GULF AND KUWAIT MEDAL
 SOMALIA MEDAL
 * SOUTH-WEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL
 * GENERAL CAMPAIGN STAR
 * GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

SPECIAL SERVICE MEDALS

SPECIAL SERVICE MEDALS WITH BARS (SEE SECTION 2)
 PAKISTAN 1989-90
 ALERT
 HUMANITAS
 NATO / OTAN
 PEACE / PAIX
 * RANGER
 * CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING SERVICE MEDAL

UNITED NATIONS MEDALS

SERVICE (KOREA) (1950-54)
 EMERGENCY FORCE (EGYPT/SINAI) (1956-67)
 TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE (1948-)
 AND OBSERVER GROUP IN LEBANON (1958)
 MILITARY OBSERVATION GROUP IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN (1948-)
 OPERATION IN CONGO (1960-64)
 TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY IN WEST NEW GUINEA
 (1962-63)
 YEMEN OBSERVATION MISSION (1963-64)
 FORCE IN CYPRUS (1964-)
 INDIA / PAKISTAN OBSERVATION MISSION (1965 -66)
 EMERGENCY FORCE MIDDLE EAST (1973-79)
 DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVATION FORCE GOLAN HEIGHTS (1974-)

INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON (1978-)
 MILITARY OBSERVATION GROUP IN IRAN / IRAQ (1988-91)
 TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP (NAMIBIA) (1989-90)
 OBSERVER GROUP IN CENTRAL AMERICA (1989-92)
 IRAQ / KUWAIT OBSERVER MISSION (1991-)
 ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION (1988-97)
 MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA (1991-)
 OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR (1991-95)
 PROTECTION FORCE (YUGOSLAVIA) (1992-95)
 ADVANCE MISSION IN CAMBODIA (1991-92)
 TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA (1992-93)
 OPERATION IN SOMALIA (1992-93)
 OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE (1992-94)
 OBSERVATION MISSION IN UGANDA / RWANDA (1993-94)
 ASSISTANCE MISSION IN RWANDA (1993-96)
 MISSION IN HAITI (1993-)
 VERIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMPLIANCE WITH
 THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS
 IN GUATEMALA (1997-98)
 * MISSION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (1998-2000)
 * PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE (MACEDONIA) (1995-99)
 * MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (1995-)
 * MISSION OF OBSERVERS IN PREVLAKA (CROATIA) (1996-)
 * INTERIM ADMINISTRATION MISSION IN KOSOVO (1999-)
 * OBSERVER MISSION IN SIERRA LEONE (1999-)
 * MISSION IN EAST TIMOR AND TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION
 IN EAST TIMOR (1999-)
 * MISSION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (1999-)
 * MISSION IN ETHIOPIA AND ERITREA (2000-)
 SPECIAL SERVICE (1995-)
 * HEADQUARTERS

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) MEDALS

* NATO MEDAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (1992-2002)
 * NATO MEDAL FOR KOSOVO (1999-)
 * NATO MEDAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC
 OF MACEDONIA (2001-02)
 * ARTICLE 5 NATO MEDAL FOR OPERATION "EAGLE ASSIST"
 (2001-02)
 * ARTICLE 5 NATO MEDAL FOR OPERATION "ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR"
 (2001-)
 * NON-ARTICLE 5 NATO MEDAL FOR OPERATIONS IN THE BALKANS
 (2003-)

INTERNATIONAL MISSION MEDALS

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL
(INDO-CHINA) (1954-74)
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION
(VIETNAM) (1973)
MULTINATIONAL FORCE AND OBSERVERS (SINAI) (1982-)
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MONITOR MISSION (YUGOSLAVIA) (1991-)
* INTERNATIONAL FORCE EAST TIMOR (1999-)
* EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY SERVICE MEDAL

COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

CANADIAN CENTENNIAL MEDAL (1967)
QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL (1977)
125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF CANADA
MEDAL (1992)
* QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDAL (2002)

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS

RCMP LONG SERVICE MEDAL
CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION (C.D.)

EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDALS

POLICE EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL
CORRECTIONS EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL
FIRE SERVICES EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL
CANADIAN COAST GUARD EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL
* PEACE OFFICER EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL

SPECIAL MEDAL

QUEEN'S MEDAL FOR CHAMPION SHOT

OTHER DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

ONTARIO MEDAL FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP (O.M.C.)
ONTARIO MEDAL FOR POLICE BRAVERY
ONTARIO MEDAL FOR FIREFIGHTERS BRAVERY
SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL (S.V.M.)
ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE LONG SERVICE
AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL
SERVICE MEDAL OF THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER
OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

COMMISSIONAIRE LONG SERVICE MEDAL

- * NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BRAVERY AWARD
- * NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL
- * BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRE SERVICES LONG SERVICE AND BRAVERY MEDAL
- * COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL FOR THE CENTENNIAL OF SASKATCHEWAN
- * ALBERTA CENTENNIAL MEDAL

2. THE BAR TO THE SPECIAL SERVICE MEDAL IS WORN CENTRED ON THE RIBBON. IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE BAR, THEY ARE SPACED EVENLY ON THE RIBBON WITH THE MOST RECENT UPPERMOST.

3. COMMONWEALTH ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS, THE AWARD OF WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, ARE WORN AFTER THE CANADIAN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS LISTED IN SECTION 1, THE PRECEDENCE IN EACH CATEGORY BEING SET BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT OR AWARD.

4. FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS, THE AWARD OF WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, ARE WORN AFTER THE ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS REFERRED TO IN SECTIONS 1 AND 3, THE PRECEDENCE IN EACH CATEGORY BEING SET BY DATE OF APPOINTMENT OR AWARD.

5. A PERSON WHO WAS A MEMBER OF A BRITISH ORDER OR THE RECIPIENT OF A BRITISH DECORATION OR MEDAL PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1972, MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CHANCELLERY OF HONOURS AT RIDEAU HALL.

6. THE NEWFOUNDLAND VOLUNTEER WAR SERVICE MEDAL HAS THE SAME PRECEDENCE AS THE CANADIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL.

7. THE INSIGNIA OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS NOT LISTED IN THIS DIRECTIVE, AS WELL AS FOREIGN AWARDS, THE AWARD OF WHICH HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, SHALL NOT BE MOUNTED OR WORN IN CONJUNCTION WITH ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS LISTED IN THIS DIRECTIVE.

8. THE INSIGNIA OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS SHALL NOT BE WORN BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE RECIPIENT OF SUCH ORDER, DECORATION OR MEDAL.



**WEARING of
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and MEDALS**

This booklet has been prepared to serve as a guide to wearing insignia of Canadian honours on different occasions and with various modes of dress.

Insignia of orders, decorations and medals may be worn on those occasions when the host of a function deems it appropriate.

The order of precedence of orders, decorations and medals herein has been authorized by Order in Council, under P.C. 1998-591, April 2, 1998. The asterisks (*) indicate the approved honours added since that date.

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