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## Order of Wear

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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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17th March 2003

The following list shows the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn in the United Kingdom, certain countries of the Commonwealth and in the Overseas Territories. It incorporates the Decorations and Medals instituted since 1983 and should be substituted for the list dated 28th October 1983. This list in no way affects the precedence conferred by the Statutes of certain Orders upon the Members thereof. See the notes towards the end of this list for guidance about letters after the name for those awards indicated with an asterisk.

VICTORIA CROSS\*

GEORGE CROSS\*

BRITISH ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, ETC.

Order of the Garter\*<sup>i</sup>

Order of the Thistle\*<sup>i</sup>

Order of St Patrick\*<sup>i</sup>

Order of the Bath\*

Order of Merit\*<sup>ii</sup> (immediately after Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath)

Order of the Star of India\*

Order of St Michael and St George\*

Order of the Indian Empire\*

Order of the Crown of India\*<sup>iii</sup>

Royal Victorian Order (Classes I, II and III)\*

Order of the British Empire (Classes I, II and III)\*<sup>iv</sup>

Order of the Companions of Honour\*<sup>ii</sup> (immediately after Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire)

Distinguished Service Order\*

Royal Victorian Order (Class IV)\*

Order of the British Empire (Class IV)\*<sup>iv</sup>

Imperial Service Order\*

Royal Victorian Order (Class V)\*

Order of the British Empire (Class V)\*<sup>iv</sup>

NOTE: The above applies to those Orders of similar grades. When the miniature or riband of a higher grade of a junior Order is worn with that of a lower grade of a senior Order, the higher grade miniature or riband should come first, eg, the miniature or riband of a K.B.E. will come before a C.B. and a G.C.M.G. will come before a K.C.B. The ribands of Orders, when the riband is worn alone, will be of the width of that of a Member of the Order. If there is no Fifth Class the riband will be of the width of that of a Companion of the Order.

BARONET'S BADGE\* (The Badge is worn suspended round the neck from the riband in the same manner as the Neck Badge of an Order. It takes precedence immediately after the Badge of the Order of Merit. It is not worn in miniature and the riband is not worn with Undress Uniform.)

KNIGHT BACHELOR'S BADGE (The Badge is worn suspended round the neck from the riband in the same manner as the Neck Badge of an Order. It takes precedence immediately after the Badge of a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire.)

Indian Order of Merit (Military)\*<sup>v</sup>

DECORATIONS

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross\*

Royal Red Cross (Class I)\*

Distinguished Service Cross\*

Military Cross\*

Distinguished Flying Cross\*

Air Force Cross\*

Royal Red Cross (Class II)\*

Order of British India\*

Kaisar-i-Hind Medal

Order of St John