

UNIFORM AUTHORIZATION DEFINITIONS

*******Note. Officers may elect to wear either the “required” component OR the “optional” component as depicted in the NOAA Corps Ch. 12 Directives. This is to minimize the number of new uniform components officers will need to purchase as a result of the NCD Changes. For example: a female officer who only has the skirt component of a uniform will not be required, under these changes, to purchase trousers unless desired.**

Basic Uniform Components (required): Uniform items required as part of the basic uniform. These are the minimum items which must be worn unless the prescribing authority directs otherwise.

Prescribable Items: Uniform items which may be directed or authorized with the basic uniform. Prescribable items may be worn with the basic uniform at the individual's discretion unless otherwise directed.

Optional Items: Uniform items purchased at the wearer's expense, which may be worn with the basic uniform, but which are not prescribable. Optional items may be worn with the basic uniform at the individual's discretion unless otherwise directed.

NOAA Corps Directives, [Chapter 12](#) Changes to Chapter 12 – Uniforms and Awards

General Uniform Changes:	How to Order:	Cost:	Notes:
12609 – Name Tags			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic - has NOAA Corps seal 	Ultrathin	\$4.00 Pin \$6.50 Magnetic	Indicate last name only on order form
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather – includes first and last name, rank, and “NOAA CORPS”. May wear qualification insignia if authorized - SWO/AVIATOR 	Williams and Williams Order Form	\$8.00	Current form is being updated to include SWO and Aviator Wings but directions can be placed in the order form notes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather Name tag on Bomber Jacket has first and last name and “NOAA CORPS” 	The Topsy Gypsy	\$37.00 includes Text and logo	Existing uniform flight jackets grandfathered in and need not change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Velcro Flight nametag has first and last name and “NOAA CORPS” 	Uniform Name Tape store- Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL Sportys Pilot Shop ; Wings and Things	~\$15	Direct embroidery on flight suit not authorized
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Unisex Cardigan is no longer authorized 	N/A	N/A	*Note this is not the same uniform item as

			the Black V-neck (pullover style) Acrylic sweater , which is still authorized
Female Uniform Changes:			
12501 – Formal Dress			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Formal Trousers are required, Blue Formal Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
12502 – Dinner Dress Blue			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Formal Trousers are required, Blue Formal or Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
12503 – Dinner Dress White			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Formal Trousers are required, Blue Formal or Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
12504 – Dinner Dress Blue			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Unbelted Trousers are required, Blue Formal or Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
12505 – Dinner Dress White <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Unbelted Trousers are required, White Formal or Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		

Female Uniform Changes:	How to Order:	Cost:	Notes:
12506 – Full Dress Blue			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Unbelted Trousers are required, Blue Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
12507 – Full Dress White			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Unbelted Trousers are required, White Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
12508 – Service Dress Blue			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Unbelted Trousers are required, Blue Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
12509 – Service Dress White			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Unbelted Trousers are required, White Unbelted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choker White Coat is authorized in addition to the SDW Coat 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		Navy will require Choker White beginning in January 2020*** This change will be made in the next iteration of the Chapter 12 Directives.
12510 – Summer White			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Belted Trousers are required, White Belted Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoulder Boards (Hard) are required Female Hard Shoulder Board "How To" 	http://www.noaastore.com/hardboardsfemale.html	between \$25.63 & \$55.63	The photos in Ch. 12 Directives are incorrectly showing soft shoulder boards
12511 – Service Khaki			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Khaki Trousers are required, Service Khaki Skirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms Any Navy Exchange		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Khaki Overblouse Shirt is optional 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms		
Part 5, Appendix 1 – Item 512 – Cap, Combination			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard and Alternative Combination Cover (ACC) are both authorized 	https://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/uniforms	~\$75.00	The US Navy rescinded the requirement for the ACC by 31 October, 2016.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the most senior officer present where a UOD is indicated or prescribed for an official function have the authority to prescribe a variation of the prescribed uniform? And does the shift towards gender neutral uniforms and the “required” uniform components in the latest CH. 12 NOAA Corps Directives mean that I will need to go out and purchase trousers for all of the female uniforms that previously allowed skirts as a required component. For example: Service Dress Blue

Answer: According to the Navy uniform regulation definitions, an officer can be directed to wear any/all items on the "required" list, but cannot be directed to wear "optional" items. However, in order to minimize the disproportionate impact of the latest NOAA Corps uniform changes, an officer may elect to wear either the “required” component or the “optional” component and will not be considered out of uniform in either case. As the example above, with the new Ch.12 Directives, when setting the uniform of the day – trousers or skirts may be worn.

2. Will there be a Uniform allowance provided?

Answer: At this time, we do not have a way to compensate officers for the uniform changes, however, CPC is actively pursuing NCD Ch. 2 Entitlements policy changes in order to reimburse officers disproportionately impacted by uniform changes.