

## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St James's Palace, London SW1

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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 Overseas Territories. It incorporates the Decorations and Medals instituted since 2003 and should be substituted for the list dated 14th March 2003. This list in no way affects the precedence conferred by the Statutes of certain Orders upon Members thereof. See the notes towards the end of the 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>1</sup>  
 Order of The Thistle\*<sup>1</sup>  
 Order of St Patrick\*<sup>1</sup>  
 Order of The Bath\*  
 Order of Merit\*<sup>2</sup> (immediately after Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of The Bath)  
 Order of The Star of India\*  
 Order of St Michael & St George\*  
 Order of The Indian Empire\*  
 Order of The Crown of India\*<sup>3</sup>  
 Royal Victorian Order\* (Class I (GCVO), Class II (KCVO), Class III (CVO))  
 Order of the British Empire\* (Class I (GBE), Class II (KBE), Class III (CBE))  
 Order of The Companions of Honour\*<sup>2</sup> (immediately after Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire)  
 Distinguished Service Order\*  
 Royal Victorian Order\* (Class IV (LVO))  
 Order of The British Empire\* (Class IV (OBE))<sup>4</sup>  
 Imperial Service Order\*  
 Royal Victorian Order\* (Class V (MVO))  
 Order of the British Empire\* (Class V (MBE))<sup>4</sup>

NOTE: The above applies to 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. would come before a C.B. and a G.C.M.G. would 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).

KNIGHTS 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). A breast star (private purchase) may also be worn.

Indian Order of Merit (Military)\*<sup>5</sup>

### DECORATIONS, MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY AND DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC)\*  
 Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)\*  
 Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)\*  
 Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) (CGM)\*  
 George Medal (GM)\*  
 Royal West African Field Force Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)\*  
 Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry (QPM)\*  
 Queen's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (QFSM)\*  
 Royal Red Cross Class I (RRC)\*  
 Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)\*  
 Military Cross (MC)\*  
 Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)\*  
 Air Force Cross (AFC)\*  
 Royal Red Cross Class II (ARRC)\*  
 Order of British India (OBI)\*  
 Kaiser-i-Hind Medal  
 Order of St John  
 Union of South Africa Queen's Medal for Bravery (Gold)  
 King's African Rifles Distinguished Conduct Medal\*  
 Indian Distinguished Service Medal (IDSM)\*  
 Union of South Africa Queen's Medal for Bravery (Silver)  
 Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)\*  
 Military Medal (MM)\*  
 Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM)\*  
 Air Force Medal (AFM)\*  
 Constabulary Medal (Ireland)  
 Medal for Lifesaving at Sea (Sea Gallantry Medal)\*  
 Indian Order of Merit (Civil)\*<sup>5</sup>  
 Indian Police Medal for Gallantry  
 Ceylon Police Medal for Gallantry  
 Sierra Leone Police Medal for Gallantry  
 Sierra Leone Fire Brigades Medal for Gallantry  
 Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry\*  
 Overseas Territories Police Medal for Gallantry  
 Queens Gallantry Medal (QGM)\*  
 Royal Victorian Medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze) (RVM)\*  
 British Empire Medal\*<sup>6</sup> (BEM)  
 Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service\*(QPM)  
 Queen's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service\*(QFSM)  
 Queen's Ambulance Service Medal\* (QAM)  
 Queens Volunteer Reserves Medal\* (QVRM)  
 Queen's Medal for Chiefs

### BADGE OF HONOUR

### CAMPAIGN MEDALS AND STARS

Including any authorised United Nations, European Community/Union and NATO medals in order of date of campaign for which awarded.

Medals of the two world wars are worn in the following order;  
**WW1:** 1914 Star, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Mercantile Marine War Medal, Victory Medal, Territorial Force War Medal  
**WW2:** 1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star, Arctic Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Africa Star, Pacific Star, Burma Star, Italy Star, France & Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canada Volunteer Service Medal, Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal, War Medal, Africa Service Medal, India Service Medal, New Zealand War Service Medal, Southern Rhodesia Service Medal, Australian Service Medal

### POLAR MEDALS (in order of date of award)

### IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL

### POLICE MEDALS FOR VALUABLE SERVICE

Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service  
 Ceylon Police Medal for Merit  
 Sierra Leone Police Medal for Meritorious Service  
 Sierra Leone Fire Brigades Medal for Meritorious Service  
 Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service\*<sup>7</sup>  
 Overseas Territories Police Medal for Meritorious Service