

POLICE GENERAL ORDERS

CHAPTER 59

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59-01 Saluting

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Only officers in uniform and wearing headdress shall salute.

2. Officers wearing plainclothes and those in uniform but not wearing headdress shall, should the circumstances so warrant, come to attention on the approach of an officer senior in rank to themselves. All officers, as dictated by courtesy and circumstances, shall stand to attention when speaking to, or being addressed by, an officer senior in rank.

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3. JPOs shall salute every officer of the rank of Inspector and above. All other officers shall salute every officer of a rank senior to their own.

4. Police officers shall salute the following officers at all times:-

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(a) the Commander, Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army;

(b) the Deputy Commander, Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army;

(c) Senior Colonel, Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Ground Force;

(d) Senior Captain, Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy; and

(e) Senior Colonel, Hong Kong Garrison of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force.

5. Police officers shall salute the following civil officials at all times:-

(a) the Chief Executive (or the Acting Chief Executive);

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(b) the Chief Judge of the Court of Final Appeal or Chief Judge of the High Court; and

(c) the Chief Secretary for Administration.

6. Police officers shall salute a High Court Judge or District Court Judge or Magistrate within the precincts of the court.

7. Police officers shall salute other civilians as dictated by courtesy and circumstances.

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8. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Order, a police officer shall not salute:-

- (a) when driving a vehicle, or handling a launch or vessel;
- (b) when directing or controlling traffic;
- (c) when engaged on any duty which necessitates the officer's full attention; and
- (d) when orders or particular circumstances prescribe otherwise.

2/01 9. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 and on ceremonial occasions only, all officers in
11/22 uniform attending Force passing-out parades shall salute to the National flag, Regional flag and the Force flag during the flag raising ceremony whereas officers in plainclothes shall stand solemnly of their own volition.

10. Officers appearing formally before a senior officer in an office in uniform shall wear headdress and salute. If permitted to remove their headdress, they shall replace it and salute before leaving the office.