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## CFA Station Wear for aircraft flight operations

### PURPOSE

CFA has requested clarification on the use of current "Station Wear" in light of recent changes to CFA station clothing.

Station Wear in the context of this Briefing Note applies only to clothing issued by the CFA.

The following applies:

1. For personnel conducting sustained 'low level' flight operations below 1000 feet AGL ie. Air Attack Supervision, Station Wear clothing is **not** approved.
2. For personnel conducting flights above 1000 ft AGL, Eg. Air Observers, Station Wear is allowable as an alternative if required under the following conditions:
  - i Station Wear - long cargo trousers; and
  - ii Station Wear - long sleeve shirt; and
  - iii where an operation is being conducted from an airbase, personnel whilst on ground within the aircraft operational area (i.e. moving from, to and around aircraft) must wear a high visibility tabard/vest is to be worn: Refer SAUP EQ 5.02 Procedure 2.1 Aircraft Ground support or Helipad Marshall; and
  - iv where the operation involves landing on a fire ground a 'wildfire jacket' is to be worn over the shirt if personnel are departing the aircraft.

The Station Wear shirt specification does not meet AS/NZS 4824:2006 (ISO 15384:3003,MOD) 'Protective clothing for firefighters – Requirements and test methods for protective clothing used for wildland firefighting' as well as other requirements under the standards, including the overlap waste requirements.

Where CFA personnel conduct aircraft support operations ie. refuelling – the appropriate PPE as specified in SAUP 5.02 must be worn.

NB: Points 2iii & iv also apply when relevant where 100% natural fibre or cotton work type shirt with long sleeves and work type trousers as per SAUP EQ 5.02 Procedure: 1.1.2 part iv, is being worn by personnel.

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