



THE SUPREME COURT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
LA COUR SUPRÊME DES TERRITOIRES DU NORD-OUEST

PRACTICE DIRECTION

R.C.M.P. DRESS


Rule 130 of the *Criminal Procedure Rules of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories* sets out dress code requirements for R.C.M.P. members attending proceedings as a witness or sitting at counsel table with the prosecutor. This Practice Direction amends Rule 130 to provide added flexibility to R.C.M.P. members and reflects, among other things, the operational needs of detachments at the various circuit points in the Northwest Territories. In particular, it no longer requires members to attend without a sidearm.

Effective immediately, the dress code requirements for R.C.M.P. members will be as follows:


1. Unless otherwise directed by the presiding judge,
 - (a) a member of the R.C.M.P. attending a court proceeding and sitting at counsel table with the prosecutor shall be dressed in formal red serge uniform, or business suit; and
 - (b) a member of the R.C.M.P. attending as a witness shall be dressed in formal red serge uniform or business suit.
2. The presiding judge may permit an RCMP member to sit at counsel table or testify wearing the standard working uniform if, in the opinion of the judge, the operational demands in the community where the Court is sitting require it.
3. Requests pursuant to Paragraph 2 must be made by the Crown prosecutor.

This Practice Direction supersedes Rule 130 of the *Criminal Procedure Rules of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories*.


Issued this 5th day of March, 2021, by direction of the judges of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories.




Justice L.A. Charbonneau



Justice K.M. Shaner



Justice S.H. Smallwood



Justice A.M. Mahar