

# DRESS CODE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PANEL MEMBER

## **PURPOSE**

This policy ensures that all Emergency Medical Service (EMS) panel members placed at ER24 adhere to a dress code that enhances the company's professional image.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

- MHR Emergency Medical Services Panel Members
- ER24 Clients
- MHR Office Personnel

# **DEFINITION**

Term	Description
EMS	Emergency Medical Service

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

- Only the client's prescribed uniform may be worn.
- Name badges to be worn as specified by the client.
- All parties to adhere to the standards specified in this policy.

#### STANDARDS FOR UNIFORM AND A PROFESSIONAL IMAGE

#### **Uniform**

- Uniform issued by the client to be worn at all times:
  - Operations and site-based:
    - ER24 flight suits and jackets
    - It is the responsibility of the ER24 Branch Manager to ensure that the uniform is handed in when the panel member is no longer going to work shifts for ER24
  - Events:
    - Unbranded red golf shirt and combat pants (please refer to the 'Ordering of ER24 Events uniforms' process on page 3)
- Ensure that uniforms are clean and neat at all times.
- During patient care, panel members must keep their arms bare from the elbows down, except for a washable waterproof watch, which must be included in handwashing. This does not apply to rescue services, where appropriate attire should be worn.
- Shoes prescribed by the client to be worn at all times.
- Ensure that shoes are clean and in good condition.

## Name badges

- Name badge will be issued by the client.
- First name badge will be paid by MHR.
- Name badge replacement will be for the panel member's account:
  - o MHR will pay ER24 and then deduct the cost from the panel member's next payment.
- Must be worn at all times during working hours.
- Must be clean and placed correctly:
  - Navy Blue embroidered name badge to be worn on ER24 flight suit and jacket
  - o Magnet badge to be worn on a golf shirt with combat pants.
- May not be decorated with any items or stickers.

#### **Accessories**

- Jewellery should enhance the company's professional image and should be kept to a minimum.
- Female panel members are allowed to wear one pair of discreet earrings.
- Male panel members are not allowed to wear earrings while on duty.
- Nose, eyebrow or tongue rings/studs are not permitted unless special dispensation has been granted by the Branch Manager, who will deal sensitively with religious and cultural requirements.

#### Hair

- Hair must be clean and neat.
- Avoid hairstyles that need constant adjustment.
- Hair accessories should enhance the company's professional image.
- Male panel members should be clean-shaven, or if they have a beard and/or moustache, it should be kept clean and neatly trimmed.

## Nail and Skin Care

- Nails must be clean, short and neat.
- No nail varnish may be worn.
- Panel members must ensure that their makeup complements their skin tone.
- Panel members with art (tattoos) on their bodies should select a uniform/attire that will cover such body art during working hours.

## **Body Odour**

- Panel members are encouraged to remain mindful of their personal hygiene, including body odour and breath freshness, at all times.
- It is recommended that panel members freshen up after lunch.
- If panel members choose to wear perfume or cologne, they should use it sparingly to prevent causing irritation to colleagues or clients.
- Individuals who smoke should take steps to avoid carrying the scent of tobacco on their clothing or person.

## THE ORDERING OF ER24 NAME BADGES (MHR Personnel)

- On panel member registration, MHR to complete the ER24 name badge order form (spreadsheet) with the following information:
  - Date registered
  - Panel member name and surname
  - MHR panel member number
  - o Full job description of panel member, e.g. Advanced Life Support
  - o MHR Branch
  - ER24 Branch, as per PayPoint
- MHR to send the completed sheet by the 7th of each month to the ER24 Store Administrator.
- ER24 Store Administrator to order name badges and send the name badges to MHR for distribution to the applicable ER24 branches.
- ER24 Branch Managers to hand out name badges to MHR panel members.
- ER24 finance to send an invoice with the names of applicable panel members to MHR branches for payment.
- MHR Administration Manager to compare the invoice with the completed spreadsheet and authorise for payment if correct.

## THE ORDERING OF EVENTS ER24 UNIFORMS (ER24 Panel Members and MHR Personnel)

 Panel members to visit their local ER24 Branch to complete an ER24 uniform order form and an 'MHR Authority for salary deduction' form to deduct uniform payments.

#### Note the following:

- Unbranded golf shirt and combat pants are partially subsidised by MHR (the amount on the order form includes the subsidised amount)
- Panel members are entitled to request up to three uniform payment instalments to be deducted as shifts are worked and according to their payment method.

- Panel members must familiarise themselves with the uniform order, exchange, and return policy.
- ER24 Branch to email the completed ER24/MHR uniform order form to the relevant MHR Region to deduct the uniform payments.
- MHR Region to capture uniform deduction information on the MHR ER24 uniform order spreadsheet.
- MHR Payroll Officers to process uniform deductions and update the uniform order sheet.
- MHR Region to check the uniform order sheet for new deductions once a week.
- Once all payments are deducted, MHR Region to inform the relevant ER24 Branch of the uniform order by submitting the 'Uniform Dispatch List' to the relevant ER24 Branch manager and include the ER24 Store Administrator in the email.
  - ER24 Store Administrator to issue ordered items upon receipt of the 'Uniform Dispatch List' and inform the ER24 Branch Manager when the uniform is ready for collection.
  - Once the uniform is collected by ER24 Branch, the ER24 Branch Manager to inform the MHR panel member that the uniform is ready for collection at the ER24 branch.
- The following steps are then followed for the journal reallocation:
  - ER24 Store Administrator to forward a goods movement form (generated on SAP when uniform is issued from stock) to ER24 Accountant and ER24/MHR Assistant Accountants.
  - ER24 Assistant Accountant to export goods movement transaction from SAP and share the information (exported detail + goods movement form) with the MHR Assistant Accountant.
  - Differences in R-value of items to be confirmed as subsidies by the MHR Assistant Accountant.
  - Any other differences to be discussed with the relevant region's MHR Admin Manager before the journal is actioned.
  - Once MHR Assistant Accountant confirms, ER24 Assistant Accountant to proceed with prepping the journal based on the unit price at which items were issued at.
  - ER24 Assistant Accountant to post figures to the MHR uniform control account.
  - Subsidies to be cleared by the MHR Assistant Accountant via journal.

## **ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Document	Location
MHR Agreement	MHR Office
ER24/MHR uniform order form	ER24 Branch
ER24 Name badge order form	MHR office