

DISTINGUISHING FLAGS AND STAR PLATES

1. The authorised flags and star plates are as follows:

Serial	Occupant	Flag	Star Plate	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Governor-General	Dark Blue rectangular pennant emblazoned with the Royal Crest above a scroll containing the words: COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA		
2	Governor of a State	State Badge emblazoned on a Union Flag or, in the fly of a Blue Ensign		
3	Prime Minister	Australian National Flag		
4	Minister for Defence and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence	Rectangular pennant of the vertical Service tricolour, charged with the Joint Service Emblem (RAN anchor, crossed Army swords, and RAAF eagle) in Gold		
5	Chief of the Defence Force (CDF)	Australian Joint Service Emblem (in Gold), above 4 stars, on a rectangular pennant of three horizontal bands of Navy Blue, Military Red, and Air Force Blue	4 stars on a plate of three horizontal bands as described in Column (c)	Note (a) When overseas the word AUSTRALIA is placed beneath the Emblem
6	Vice Chief of the Defence Force (VCDF)	Australian Joint Service Emblem (in Gold), above three stars, on a rectangular pennant of three vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red, and Air Force Blue	3 stars on a plate of three vertical bands as described in Column (c)	Note (b)
7	Chief of Navy (CN)	CN's Personal Flag (a rectangular pennant with two horizontal bands of Maroon and Royal Blue, charged with a horizontal anchor, in Gold)	3 stars on a Royal Blue plate	Note (c)
8	Chief of Army (CA)	Australian National Flag charged with CA's Crest in Gold	3 stars on a Military Red plate	Note (d)
9	Chief of Air Force (CAF)	RAAF Ensign	3 stars on an Air Force Blue plate	Note (e)
10	Deputy Chief of Army (VCDF)	Rectangular pennant with two horizontal bands of Red and Royal Blue, charged with the Rising Sun, in Gold	2 stars on a Military Red plate	
11	GOC of an Army	Rectangular pennant with three alternating horizontal stripes of Red, Black, and Red		
12	GOC of a Corps	Rectangular pennant with three alternating horizontal stripes of Red, White, and Red.		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
13	Commander Land Command	The Rising Sun, in Gold, on a rectangular Red Background pennant.	2 stars on a plate of three vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red and Air Force Blue	
14	Special Operations Commander (Australia)	The Rising Sun, in Gold, on a rectangular Black Background pennant.	2 stars on a plate of three vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red and Air Force Blue	
15	Support Commander (Army)	Rising Sun, in Gold, on a rectangular pennant of three horizontal stripes of Red, Blue, and Red.	2 stars on a Military Red plate	
16	Commander Training Command—Army	Rising Sun, in Black, on a rectangular pennant of three horizontal stripes (5cm wide) of Green, Gold, and Green.	2 stars on a Military Red plate	
17	Commander of a Division	Red swallow-tail pennant with the division number in white.	2 stars on a Military Red plate	
18	Commander Australian Theatre	Australian Defence Force Ensign (ADFE) defaced with two gold stars.	2 stars on a plate of three vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red and Air Force Blue	1. Note (g). 2. Note g(1).
19	Commander Joint Logistics Australia (CJLOG)	ADFE defaced with two gold stars.	2 stars on a plate of three vertical bands as described in serial 17	1. Note (g). 2. Note g(1).
20	Commander Australian Defence College (COMADC)	ADFE defaced with two gold stars.	2 stars on a plate of three vertical bands as described in serial 17	1. Note (g). 2. Note g(1). 3. See paragraph 11(b) to DI(G) ADMIN 12-1.
21	Commander of a Military Region	Triangular Red pennant displaying the Military Region's Emblem.	1 star on a plate of three vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red and Air Force Blue	When of the rank of brigadier
22	Army Area Representative	Triangular Green Pennant.	1 star on a Military Red plate	When of the rank of brigadier
23	Brigade/Task Force Commander	Triangular Blue pennant with the brigade number in white.	1 star on a Military Red plate	When of the rank of brigadier Note (f)

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24	Commandant Royal Military College	Swallow-tail pennant with the Corps' Badge, in Gold, on a backing of three alternate horizontal stripes (5 cm wide) Blue over Red, over Blue.	1 star on a Military Red plate	
25	Commandant ADFA	ADFE defaced with one gold star.	1 star on a plate of three vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red and Air Force Blue	1. Note (g). 2. Note g(1) (2).
26	Commandant Australian Command and Staff College	ADFE defaced with one gold star contained inside the red stripe.	1 star on a plate of three equal vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red and Air Force Blue	1. Note (g). 2. Note g(1). 3. See paragraph 11(b) to DI(G) ADMIN 12-1, rules for flying two senior officer's personal flags.
27	Commandant ADF Warfare Centre	ADFE defaced with one gold star contained inside the red stripe.	1 star on a plate of three equal vertical bands of Navy Blue, Military Red and Air Force Blue	1. Note (g). 2. Note g(1).
28	Commander of a Communications Zone	Triangular pennant of Red over Green.	1 star on a Military Red plate	When of the rank of brigadier
29	Commander of a training group or an Army school	Triangular pennant of Dark Green over Yellow.	1 star on a Military Red plate	When of the rank of brigadier
30	Australian Army Attache/Advisor	Triangular pennant with the Rising Sun on a background of Military Red over Royal Blue.	1 star on a Military Red plate	When of the rank of brigadier
31	Commander Logistic Support Force	Red triangle over a green triangle.		

Notes

- (a) CDF's flag (1.8 m x 90 cm) is flown when CDF is present at, or visiting Service establishments (however, it is not flown at RAAF establishments, except when CDF is performing the role of reviewing officer), onboard Her Majesty's Australian (HMA) ships and in Service boats (at the bow), on Service aircraft (when stationary), as a car flag (15 cm x 23 cm) on official occasions, and on other occasions as directed.
- (b) The flag of VCDF (90 cm x 1.8 m) is flown when VCDF is present at, or visiting a Service establishment (however, it is not flown at RAAF establishments, except when VCDF is performing the role of reviewing officer), onboard HMA ships and in Service boats on Service aircraft (when stationary) as a car flag (15 cm x 23 cm) on official occasions, and on other occasions as directed.
- (c) CN's flag (91.5 cm x 1.37 m) is flown when CN is present at RAN establishments, onboard HMA ships and in Service boats, at Russell Offices Canberra, as a car flag (15 cm x 23 cm) on official occasions, and on other occasions as ordered.
- (d) CA's flag (90 cm x 1.8 m) is flown when CA is present at, or visiting major headquarters or installations, attending as a reviewing officer, as a car flag (15 cm x 23 cm) on official occasions, and on other occasions as ordered by CA.

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- (e) CAF's flag (60 cm x 90 cm) is flown when CAF is present as a reviewing officer, on Service aircraft (when the aircraft is stationary), and on other occasions as ordered by CAF. CAF's flag is not used as a car flag; the RAAF Ensign, in miniature, is used as a car flag.
- (f) The commanders of functional commands each have a distinguishing flag.
- (g) For guidelines and rules pertaining to tri-Service (Joint) Command Appointment personal flags see DI(G) ADMIN 12-1.
 - Defaced ADFE with two stars to be used by Army incumbent in joint command/unit. Navy and RAAF fly single-Service two star personal flag approved by the applicable single service authority:
 - Defaced ADFE with one star is to be used by all one star joint appointments, except when a single-Service approved personal flag already exists for the specific appointment.
- (h) A brigade/task force commander of the rank of colonel may fly the commander's flag but, is not to use the star plate.
- (i) With the exception of CAF the design of both the distinguishing flag and the car flag are the same.
- (j) Star Plates are 12.5 cm high x 25 cm wide.
- (k) Stars are positioned centrally on Star Plates; when there is more than one star they are positioned centrally in a horizontal line.
- (l) When more than one background colour is used all colours are to be of equal dimensions.
- (m) The maximum dimensions for all car pennants are 15 cm in height and 23 cm in length.
- (n) The colours for star plates are as follows:
 - RAN: Navy Blue (BCC 219):
 - Army: Military Red (BCC 210): and
 - RAAF: Air Force Blue (BCC 131).