

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNIFORMS
POLICY #AG-2-ADM-3

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to Department personnel for budgeting, ordering, purchasing, and wearing uniforms provided to them by the Department.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department to provide a distinctive uniform to its employees as determined by the Department's uniform schedule and standards established within this policy. A distinctive uniform promotes uniformity and professionalism in appearance and aids the public in identifying the wearer as a Department employee. It is the policy of the Department that employees will wear the Department uniform in conformance with this policy and procedure.

The Department of Agriculture intends that its uniforms and the manner in which the uniform is worn reflect positively on the agency. When representing the agency it is the employee's responsibility to wear the proper attire and that this attire is in good condition. Supervisory personnel are also responsible to insure that employees abide by the provisions of this policy.

Failure to comply with this policy shall be cause for disciplinary action, in accordance with procedures specified in the Nevada State Administrative Manual.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all employees of the Department of Agriculture.

REFERENCES:

NRS 281.121, NRS 289.800, NRS 608.165

PROCEDURES:

Uniform Specifications, Budget, Schedule and Life Expectancy

Uniform Color and Logo(s) Determination

The color of the Department's uniforms and the logos to be incorporated as part of the uniform will be determined by the Director's office. Any variation to the colors and logos not approved in writing by the Director's office will not be considered to be an official Department of Agriculture uniform and will have to be paid for by the employee at their own cost.

Uniform Schedule and Budgeting Process

At the beginning of each budget cycle, the Department's uniform schedule is submitted to the Budget Division for negotiation. This uniform schedule assigns the Department's different position groupings to a uniform group and each uniform group is assigned to a different uniform package. Each uniform package list out the particular clothing items that make up that packages and itemizes the costs. (See Table 1-1 for current uniform schedule).

The negotiated uniform allowance consists of two components: replacement costs and new costs. The new costs of a uniform are based on information provided by the Department in addition to a review of existing statewide/ agency specific contracts, which have been completed under the auspices of the State Purchasing Division. The replacement costs are then based on the new costs divided by the life expectancy of each item (See Table 1-2 for life expectancy of uniform items)

Table 1-1

Package	Positions	Description
A	Agricultural Inspector 4, Agriculture Enforcement Officer 2, Agriculture Enforcement Officer 3, Agriculturist 1, Agriculturist 2, Agriculturist 3, Agriculturist 4, Driver Warehouse Supervisor, Driver Warehouse Worker 2, Entomologist, Environmental Health Specialist 3, Environmental Scientist 3, Environmental Scientist 4, Field Assistant 2 (PARC), Grants & Projects Analyst 1, Metrologist 3, Plant Pathologist, Public Health Rating Officer, Range Manager, State Vet, Animal Lab Supervisor, Weights & Measures Inspector 2, Weights & Measures Inspector 3, Weights & Measures Inspector 4	1 lightweight jacket, 1 work jacket, 1 hat, 5 winter shirts, 5 summer shirts
B	Ag Marketing Coordinator, Deputy Administrator (Plant), Division Administrator (Animal), Division Administrator (Plant), Microbiologist III, Program Officer I, Operations Manager (Food Safety)	1 lightweight jacket, 1 work jacket, 1 hat, 2 winter shirts, 2 summer shirts
C	Agriculture Enforcement Officer 2	1 name tag, gold, 1 badge, 5 shoulder patches
D		Not currently used
E	Agriculture Enforcement Officer 2	1 cartridge case, 1 set handcuffs, 1 handcuff case, 1 holster
F	Conservation Staff Spec 2, Deputy Administrator Food and Nutrition, Deputy Director (Agriculture), Director (Agriculture), Division Administrator (Consumer Equitability), Division Administrator (Food and Nutrition), Education & Information Officer, Executive Assistant, Literacy Coordinator, Public Information Officer I, Public Information Officer II, School Nutrition Services Manager, So. Office Administrator	1 lightweight jacket, 1 work jacket, 1 hat, 1 winter shirt, 1 summer shirt
S	Agricultural Inspector 2, Agricultural Inspector 3, Agricultural Inspector 4, Seasonal Staff	1 hat, 3 t-shirts

Table 1-2

Uniform Item	Life Expectancy
Lightweight Jacket	2 Years
Work Jacket	4 Years
Hat	1 Year
Winter Shirt	2 Years
Summer Shirt	2 Years
T-Shirt	1 Year

Uniform Purchasing Process

Statewide/Agency Contracted Vendor

All contracts with contracted vendors to provide uniforms to Department personnel must include provisions for returning uniforms and receiving refunds for vendor mistakes, ill-fitting uniforms, mistaken order quantities, or wrong uniform sizes, colors, or logos.

Uniform Orders and Order Tracking

All uniforms orders must be processed through the Department's Fiscal staff. Uniform orders placed by non-fiscal staff done with or without the approval of a supervisor or Division administrator will have to be returned to the vendor or, if items cannot be returned, the approving supervisor or approving Division Administrator must reimburse the Department within 30 days of receiving notice for repayment.

The fiscal position responsible for processing orders is the Accounting Assistant 2 (PCN 0020). All requests for uniform orders must be done on the Department's local purchase order form signed by their administrator and the Budget Analyst overseeing that particular budget account. Once the Accounting Assistant 2 position receives the order they will verify that orders are in conformance with the approved items on the current Uniform Schedule. If requested items reconcile to the Uniform schedule, the Accounting Assistant 2 position will place the order with the existing statewide/agency contracted vendor.

The Accounting Assistant 2 position is also responsible tracking orders. This report should list the date of the order, the order number, the number items ordered, noting whether the items is a new uniform order or replacement order, listing out the items ordered, noting when the order was received and distributed.

New Employee Orders

All new employees (see Table 1-1 to see which positions are eligible) whose work requires them to work out in the field or in the public on a regular basis need to make their uniform orders within the first 7 days of employment.

Request for uniform items not on the schedule, outside of uniform group or, replacing uniform items before end of useful life

Request for uniform items not on the uniform schedule or outside the employee's uniform group will be considered on a case by case basis. The employee will need to attach a memo to the signed local purchase order justifying the need for the uniform item. The justification needs to specify the particular item the employee wants to purchase, the quantity, per unit cost, and identify the proposed vendor. The Management Analyst III (PCN 0042) position will be the final approval or final disapproval on all non-scheduled uniform requests for Sparks/Elko employees and the ASO III (PCN 0004) will be the final approval or final disapproval for all non-schedule driven uniform requests for Las Vegas employees.

The Department does recognize that despite an employee's best efforts that not all wear and tear can be prevented and that from time to time uniform items do get lost. The Department also recognizes that at times clothing items when ordered may not fit properly. Therefore, each employee is allowed to replace one (1) uniform item if needed before the end of its useful life per year. This applies to all uniform items, except for boots and jackets. Replacement of more than one item in a year will have to be paid for out of pocket by the employee.

Replacement of boots or jackets before the end of their useful will be considered on a case by case basis and will require a written justification for their replacement. The employee will need to attach a memo to the signed local purchase order justifying the need for the replacement boots or jacket (PCN 0042). The Fiscal Administrator (PCN 0003) will be the final approval or disapproval for these types of boot or jacket replacement requests.

All uniform items to be replaced are to be turned in to the Accounting Assistant II before the approved replacement order can be placed. The Accounting Assistant II is in charge of all uniform inventory both for new orders as well as any returned orders, as directed by the Management Analyst III (PCN 0042). Department employees are not allowed to keep uniform items that they are requesting to be replaced. These must be returned within three (3) business days of making a request to return or replace a uniform item.

Receipt and Distribution

All uniform orders will be received by the accounting position (BA 2691 PCN 0020). Upon receipt of the order, this position will reconcile the order form to the packing slip to verify the correct item(s), quantity, size were ordered as well as verify the dollar amount is correct.

Once this has been verified the Accounting Assistant 2 position will distribute these uniform items to the appropriate staff member. Once the employee receives the uniform items and removes them from the packaging, they are required to inspect the uniform items before wearing them. Employees are required to verify that the color and logos are correct, verify that the logos are correctly located, and that the clothing items size is correct. If there are any discrepancies, the employee shall **not** wear the uniform item(s) and should return the uniform item(s) immediately to the Accounting Assistant 2, so that items can be returned right away and be reordered or be refunded

If the employee tries on the uniform items for the first time and notice that any part of the uniform is the wrong size, ill-fitting or uncomfortable they shall not continue to wear the item and should return the uniform item immediately to the Accounting Assistant 2, so that items can be returned right away and be reordered or be refunded.

Prohibition of Resale

Department of Agriculture uniforms are to be purchased only for official purposes for Department of Agriculture employees and cannot be resold to outside parties or be sold for marketing purposes or for a profit by state employees.

How and When to Wear the Uniform

Uniform Appearance and Maintenance Standards

Employees should keep their uniforms in serviceable condition; which means not their uniform should not look excessively worn. Uniforms should not have holes and must be presentable according to the duties of the day. Supervisors will use discretion when determining when uniform items will be replaced, i.e. according to the life expectancy of the item as described in this policy, or upon it wearing out, whichever is first.

All clothing worn on duty shall be neat, clean, in good repair, and serviceable for the job being performed.

Agricultural/Law Enforcement Personnel

Agricultural Enforcement staff have a unique relationship with the public and need to maintain the following standards for uniforms as listed below:

Shoes – Enforcement staff will wear the brown boots when wearing jeans.

Badges - Uniform items that have law enforcement emblems embroidered or sewn on (badges) are available only to law enforcement personnel. The Department will supply two metal badges for each deputized employee. The Director may authorize cloth sew-on or embroidered badges for other garments.

Name Plate - Gold name plate provided by the Department will be worn on the right side of the shirt.

Soft body armor will be worn by law enforcement employees in accordance with Department directive.

Pistols and Leather Goods will be worn by law enforcement employees only as approved and/or supplied by the Department.

When Uniforms should be worn

All personnel assigned a uniform shall wear the uniform when appropriate. Uniforms that have been assigned to field personnel (e.g., Weights and Measures Inspectors, Agricultural Inspectors, Driver Warehouse Worker, Brand Inspectors, etc.) shall be worn while on official duty, except under the following conditions:

- Traveling to and attending seminars, conferences, or meetings, unless the uniform is appropriate dress.
- When engaged in special tasks for which other clothing would be more suitable as determined by the supervisor.

Hat - Uniformed personnel are not required to wear a hat while on duty: however, if those choose to wear a hat they must wear the Department's approved hats. Wearing unauthorized hats is not allowed. Hats must be kept clean, neat and unaltered.

Prohibitions

Wearing the uniform is prohibited:

- 1) When off duty, except when traveling to/from assigned duty location.
- 2) If the agency logo is not a current logo, or the agency name is not current

Return of Uniform Items upon leaving Department

Upon separation from the Department, all uniform items must be turned into their immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor must return uniforms items within three (3) business days of receiving them from an employee who has terminated service with to the Accounting Assistant 2 (PCN 0020).

POLICY COMMUNICATION:

This policy will be made available to all employees within the Department of Agriculture and to the public.

DIRECTOR’S POLICY AUTHORIZATION:

Jim R. Barbee, Director

Date

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE ON

Effective Date