



**DRESS CODE**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF SEYCHELLES**

In accordance with Revised Standing Order 46 (10) and in the interest of maintaining the decorum and dignity of the Assembly, the Speaker's Office is issuing the following guidelines on dress code for Members, Ministers and their officials and the public.

SO 46 (10)

*Members, while in the Assembly and visitors to the Assembly, shall be dressed in a manner as to show proper respect for the Assembly, and in accordance with directions given from time to time by the Speaker.*

**Members**

For Male Members

It is permissible for male Members to wear suits. If Members do not wear suits they may wear a plain shirt with tie (collar and tie), the shirt to be preferably long sleeved. If a Member chooses not to wear a tie, the shirt must be long sleeved. It is permissible to wear safari suits.

Shirts must always be neatly tucked inside the pants. Male Members shall not wear jeans, sweatshirts, t-shirts or golf-type shirts.

For Women Members

Women Members may wear skirt or pant suits. Dresses are also allowed with the appropriate accessories (suit jacket or blouse if dress is sleeveless or spaghetti strap). Skirts that are split at or below the knee are permissible. Dress and skirt length should be at a length at which ladies can sit comfortably. Short, tight skirts that ride halfway up the thigh are inappropriate. Mini-skirts, sun dresses, beach dresses and spaghetti strip dresses (unless appropriately covered) are not appropriate.

### Footwear

Trainers, sneakers, athletic shoes, slippers, flip-flops or any other casual shoes are strictly inappropriate.

### Other guidelines for clothing

Clothing that reveals too much cleavage, bare shoulders, the back, the chest, stomach or underwear is not appropriate. Clothing should be pressed and never wrinkled. Clothing with logos (political or otherwise), words, terms, slogans or pictures that may be offensive is not appropriate.

### Hats and head covering

Hats are not allowed in the Chamber. However, head coverings of religious significance are permissible.

### Accessories

No political accessories or insignias are permissible. Women Members are allowed to wear scarves as part of their attire.

No facial piercings are allowed. (upper or lower lip piercings, eye brow piercings or tongue piercings)

### Others

Members are forbidden:

- To enter the Chamber with a jacket hanging on the arm.
- To display flags or emblems on their seats in the Assembly.
- To carry walking sticks into the Chamber unless permitted by the Speaker under such exceptional circumstances as old age or physical infirmity.

The above guidelines are not exhaustive and must be adhered to by all Members of the National Assembly as well as Ministers and their officers at all times when in the precincts of the Assembly. The Speaker's Office may from time to time issue updated guidelines as and when necessary.

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**Public**

Members of the Public and Visitors must be dressed in a neat and tidy manner at all times on visits to the National Assembly.

Clothing with political logos and slogans or any other logo and slogans that may be considered offensive are strictly not permissible. No other objects with political logos or slogans are allowed.

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