This Summary of Changes provides a brief description of changes made to the Navy Uniform Regulations since the last update in 18 December 2015. The changes identified in this summary reflect the approved policy changes annotated in NAVADMIN 236/15 (Handbags). For specific details of those changes, see the noted chapter, section and article.

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Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

2. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Ceremonial Uniform, Full Dress Blue

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**Remove:** “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

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3. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Ceremonial Uniform, Full Dress White

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Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

4. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Dress Uniform, Service Dress Blue

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**Added:** “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

6. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Uniform, Service Khaki

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**Added:** “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

7. **Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 2, Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Uniforms, Summer White**

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**9. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Ceremonial Uniform, Full Dress Blue**
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**10. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Ceremonial Uniform, Full Dress White**

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11. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Dress Uniform, Dress Blue

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13. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Uniform, Service Khaki

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14. **Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Service Uniform, Summer White**

**Remove:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

**Added:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer’s logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver
or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

15. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 3, Chief Petty Officer Uniforms, Female, Working Uniform, Navy Working Uniform

Remove: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

Added: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer’s logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

16. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Dinner Dress Uniform. Dinner Dress Blue
Remove: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

Added: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer's logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

17. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Dinner Dress Uniform. Dinner Dress White

Remove: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

Added: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather,
generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer's logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

**Remove:** “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

**Added:** “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

18. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Ceremonial Uniform, Full Dress Blue

**Remove:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

**Added:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer's logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

**Remove:** “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”
Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

19. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Ceremonial Uniform, Full Dress White

Remove: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

Added: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer’s logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

20. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Service Dress Uniform, Service Dress Blue

Remove: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible
ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

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**Remove:** “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

**Added:** “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

21. **Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Service Dress Uniform, Service Dress White**

**Remove:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

**Added:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer’s logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian
handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”

22. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Service Uniform

Remove: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

Added: “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer’s logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

Remove: “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

Added: “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”
23. Chapter 3, Uniform Components, Section 4, Enlisted (E6 and Below), Female, Working Uniform, Navy Work Uniform

**Remove:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white grain leather or synthetic leather, rectangular in shape and designed with a flap (magnetic or zipper). The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 7 1/2 to 14 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 11 inches in height, and 2 to 4 inches deep. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching, embossed design, or manufacturer’s logo. The closure hardware will be brass-plated, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the purse and may have a gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria is followed.”

**Added:** “Women may wear civilian handbags while in uniform in the manner prescribed below. The handbag must be of plain black, brown, white leather or synthetic leather, generally rectangular or square in shape with magnetic or zipper closure. The color of the handbag will match the color of the shoes worn. Dimensions must be between 5 1/2 to 16 inches in width, 5 1/2 to 14 inches in height, and 2 to 6 inches in depth. The handbag may have one visible manufacturer’s logo that does not exceed 2 inches in height by 2 inches in depth by 2 inches in width. Exotic materials such as eel, alligator, or ostrich skin are not authorized. The handbag may not have any visible ornamentation, decorative stitching or embossed designs (excluding authorized logo mentioned above). Women may wear civilian handbags with or without flaps while in uniform. The closure hardware will be black, silver or gold-colored (no over-sized buckles or string ties are allowed). The strap (single or double) will be of the same material as the handbag and may have a silver-colored, gold-colored or black-colored buckle. Handbags may be procured from commercial sources, provided the above criteria are followed.”

**Remove:** “Carry over the left shoulder or forearm, placing the top of the handbag at waist level.”

**Added:** “Carry over the left shoulder, on the left forearm or in the left hand. When carried over the shoulder or on the forearm, place the body of the handbag between the natural waist and upper most part of the hip.”