

MILITARY FUNERALS AND MILITARY HONOURS AT PRIVATE FUNERALS

Full Military Funerals

1. A full military funeral is one for which the expenses are paid by the Public Account and that is arranged and mounted by the New Zealand Defence Force. (Also see DFO 4 - *Defence Force Orders for Personnel Administration*, Chapter 14 - *Casualties*.)
2. Such funerals may, if in accordance with the wishes of the next of kin, be accorded to the following:
 - a. a serving Regular Force officer or soldier, and
 - b. an officer or soldier of the Territorial Force or the Army Reserve whose death occurs while performing military duty or is attributable to the performance of military duty.

Full Military Honours at Private Funerals

3. Full military honours at a private funeral, when requested by the next of kin, may be accorded to a retired New Zealand:
 - a. Chief of Defence Force, and
 - b. Chief of Army or Chief of General Staff.
4. Full military honours at a private funeral, when requested by the next of kin, may be accorded to the following provided the deceased had not less than 20 years continuous service:
 - a. an officer or soldier of the Regular Force who was discharged from the Army at the date of death,
 - b. a serving officer or soldier of the Territorial Force or the Army Reserve if death does not occur as result of duty.
5. Full military honours, without direct cost to the State shall, if the relatives so wish, be accorded at the funerals of winners of The Victoria Cross of New Zealand, irrespective of their length of service with the Armed Forces.

Limited Military Honours at Private Funerals

6. Limited military honours, involving no direct cost to the State, may be accorded to the following:
 - a. a serving officer or soldier of the Territorial Force or the Army Reserve, with less than 20 years continuous service, and whose death does not occur as a result of duty; and
 - b. an officer or soldier with less than 20 years continuous service and who was retired or discharged from the Army at the date of death.
7. Limited military honours consist of a firing party and a bugler from the unit with which the deceased has served or was serving at the date of death and is not to include a gun carriage, other Army transport, or the firing of artillery salutes.

Dress

8009. The dress for all serving military personnel is to be **Dress No 1A, Service Dress - Ceremonial**.

Military Honours

8010. The scale of military honours and other services that may be provided at funerals are:

Honours and Services	Full Military Funeral	Private Funeral Full Military Honours	Private Funeral Limited Military Honours
Gun Carriage	Yes	Yes	No
Gun Salute	No	No	No
Minute Guns (general officers only)	Yes	No	No
Firing Party	Yes	Yes	Yes
Escort	Yes	Yes	No
Bearer Party	Yes	Yes	No
Pallbearer (officers only)	Yes	Yes	No
Insignia Bearer	Yes	Yes	No
Bugler	Yes	Yes	Yes
Band	(1)	(1)	(1)
Transport as appropriate	Yes	(2)	(3)
Catafalque Guard	(4)	No	No

Notes

1. When practicable a Service band may be authorised by Army General Staff. Drums are to be muffled or draped.
2. As authorised by formation headquarters, that could include a mourning coach or coaches, and vehicle to carry wreaths (if required).
3. Transport for the firing party and the bugler only.
4. Applicable to funerals for Chiefs of Staff only.

8011. The firing party, escort, pallbearers, and bearer party should, as far as is practicable, be provided by the unit or corps to which the deceased was posted or attached at the date of death, or, in the case of retired officers and soldiers, by the unit or corps with which the deceased last served.