

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COMMISSIONED CORPS INSTRUCTION
AND HUMAN SERVICES**

CC412.01

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By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health:

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SUBJECT: Uniforms and Appearance

1. **PURPOSE:** The Instruction prescribes the official policy governing uniform regulations for officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps). This Instruction provides information of a general or miscellaneous nature, while other uniform related Instructions deal with certain specific uniform topics.

2. **APPLICABILITY:** This Instruction applies to all Corps officers on active duty.

3. **AUTHORITY:**

3-1. 42 USC 216(a), "Regulations"

3-2. 42 USC 217, "Use of Service in Time of War or Emergency"

3-3. 42 USC 238g, "Wearing of Uniforms"

3-4. 18 USC 702, "Uniform of Armed Forces and Public Health Service"

3-5. Executive Order 11140, "Delegating Certain Functions of the President Relating to the Public Health Service"

3-6. 68 FR 70507, "Statements of Organizations, Functions, and Delegations of Authority"

3-7. CC46.3.1, "Uniform Regulations"

4. **PROPONENT:** The proponent of this Instruction is the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH). The responsibility for assuring the day-to-day management of the Corps is the Surgeon General (SG).

5. **SUMMARY OF REVISIONS AND UPDATES:** This is the third issuance of this Instruction within the electronic Commissioned Corps Issuance System (CCIS) and replaces Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual (CCPM) CC26.3.1, "Uniforms and Appearance," dated 2 February 2010.

5-5. Officers in an active duty status, while in uniform, are no longer authorized to use tobacco or tobacco products.

6-14. Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products while in Uniform

a. Effective 6 months from the date of this Instruction all active duty Corps officers, while in uniform, shall not use tobacco or tobacco products.

b. Tobacco or tobacco products include, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, **electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)**, stem pipes, water pipes, hookahs, and smokeless products that are chewed, dipped or snuffed.

c. Active duty Corps officers shall abide by the regulations of the Department, OPDIV, STAFFDIV, non-HHS organization to which assigned or other Uniformed Services when on an installation, base, post, station, military medical treatment facility or other Federal, State, Local, Tribal, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security or Department of Commerce controlled activity in regards to tobacco use and designated tobacco use areas when not in uniform.

d. Information on how to stop smoking or using tobacco products can be found on the Surgeon General's webpage at <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>