



BDF TATTOO ENTRY STANDARDS

Please read the following terms before continuing to the application form.

Prohibited tattoos

1. The following types of tattoos or brands are prejudicial to good order and discipline. They do not reflect the views of the BDF and are prohibited from placement anywhere on the body by members of the BDF. This also applies to the wearing of photochromic tattoos by BDF members.
 - a. **Extremist tattoos.** Extremist tattoos or brands are those affiliated with, depicting, or symbolizing extremist philosophies, criminal, deviant groups or gang cultures, organisations, or activities. Extremist philosophies, organisations, and activities are those which advocate racial, gender, or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocate, create, or engage in discrimination based on race, colour, gender, ethnicity, religion, or national origin; or advocate violence or other unlawful means of depriving individual rights under the laws of Barbados.
 - b. **Indecent tattoos.** Indecent tattoos or brands are those that are grossly offensive to modesty, decency, propriety, or professionalism.
 - c. **Sexist tattoos.** Sexist tattoos or brands are those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on gender.
 - d. **Racist tattoos.** Racist tattoos or brands are those that advocate a philosophy that degrades or demeans a person based on race, ethnicity, or national origin.
2. Command and staff seeking additional information regarding the origin or meaning of potentially discriminatory, extremist or lawless markings may consult the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) visual database at www.adl.org/

Location

3. The rules governing the locations of tattoos or brands, on members of the BDF are as outlined below:
 - a. **Head.** Tattoos on the head and face are strictly prohibited.
 - b. **Neck and collarbone.** No tattoo or brand shall be visible above the collar on the neck when wearing BDF No.1, No.1A, No.2, No.3, No.3A, lightweight greens, blues or camouflage uniform. Where a tattoo is below the collarbone, it shall not be visible when wearing any of the types of dress listed in this paragraph.
 - c. **Hands.** Tattoos or brands below the wrist (on the hand) are prohibited.

