



**United States Coast Guard**  
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FM: CHDIRAUX  
TO: ALAUX  
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Subj: AUXILIARY UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY LETTER

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1. The Chief Director of Auxiliary (CHDIRAUX) has issued BSX Policy Letter 23-02. It promulgates Auxiliary uniform and appearance policy changes stemming from the pilot program conducted in the Auxiliary's First District - Southern Region (D1-SR) and Eighth District – Coastal Region (D8-CR) from 01 October 2021 to 31 December 2022.

2. Policy Letter 23-02 can be found on the CHDIRAUX website: <https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=BX-GROUP>, and a summary of its major changes can be found in its promulgation memo. Changes address a broad range of uniform provisions in the Auxiliary Manual (Commandant Instruction Manual 16790.1 (series)) including grooming, various uniform components, and institutionalization of the Alternative Work Uniform (AWU) as an Auxiliary work uniform. These changes are effective immediately except for the new annual uniform inspection requirement which shall be effective starting with CY 2024.

3. Internet release is authorized.

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\*\*\*For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA II.\*\*\*

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\*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

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If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email [CGAUX@uscg.mil](mailto:CGAUX@uscg.mil).