

PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE

TAILORED DESIGN DETAILS

Details created through design, construction, fabric qualities, colour and added embellishments give the garment personality. Details with tailored design elements appear more formal and more professional. Although tailored clothing may be tailor-made, the word tailored in reference to professional attire actually refers to the structure of the fabric, design and construction details.

Tailored details are

Structured

Angular Shapes

Straight Lines

Form Fitted

Matching / Neutral, Muted and Dark Colours / Dark Light Contrast

Firm and Smooth Textures / Matching Fabrics

Small Prints & Patterns

Collar or Lapel

MENSWEAR

FORMAL VS. INFORMAL GARMENT DETAILS

Details that are more formal are considered to be more credible, official, authoritative business-like. Garment details that are more informal are considered to be more casual, unofficial and may be interpreted as social.

More Formal

- Tailored-style jacket
- Collared shirt
- Tailored style trousers or slacks
- Tailored style skirt
- Smooth fabrics
- A necktie
- Jewellery & accessories (small to medium size details)
- Jewellery (gold, precious & semi-precious stones)

More Informal

- Coordinating vest, cardigan,
- Polo-style shirt or no collar (if permitted)
- Khaki's, dark jeans or cords (if permitted)
- Textured fabrics
- Medium to large prints
- No necktie
- Jewellery & accessories (medium to large size details)
- Jewellery (silver, other metals/ precious & semi-precious stones)

WOMENSWEAR

FORMAL VS. INFORMAL GARMENT DETAILS

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More Formal

- Tailored-style jacket
- Collared shirt, sweater or blouse
- Long sleeve or ¾ length sleeve
- Tailored style trousers and slacks
- Tailored style skirt
- Smooth fabrics
- No print (solid) or small print
- Jewellery & accessories (small to medium size details)
- Jewellery (gold, precious & semi-precious stones)

More Informal

- Coordinating vest, cardigan, unstructured jacket
- No collar
- Short sleeve, sleeveless
- Khaki's/ corduroy/ jeans – coloured, dark denim, {if permitted}
- Soft/ Flowing skirt styles
- Textured fabrics
- Medium to large prints
- Jewellery & accessories (medium to large size details)
- Jewellery (silver, other metals/ precious & semi-precious stones)

SEMI-FORMAL BUSINESS ATTIRE

Semi-Formal business attire includes tailored design details mixed with some untailored design details to soften and relax the look. It adapts well in various business settings from relaxed Formal to Informal

- Always includes a tailored style jacket
- Multiple clothing layers
- Coordinated garments
- Tie (as required by corporate policy)

Activity!

SPOT THE BUSINESS ATTIRE DETAILS

Each of the following pages has a selection of photo's which show examples of Semi-Formal business attire. However, not all outfits are created equal. Each have formal and informal elements that make up the outfit. Different elements and details can make the outfit appear more formal or more informal.

Tailored details are

1. Sort the images on each page from the most formal, semi-formal business outfit to the most informal, semi-formal business outfit.
2. Spot the following details on each page
 - a. Tailored Details
 - b. Details or accessories that would be considered more formal
 - c. Details or accessories that would be considered more informal
3. Consider professions each outfit may be suitable for

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