

1046.—Uniform—Badges—Naval Air Mechanic Branch (AE) Specialist Qualification

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With reference to paragraph 27 of A.F.O. 82/58 (*Ratings—Naval Air Mechanic Branch—Duties and Employment in Aircraft Maintenance*) arrangements are being made to provide badges as detailed in the Appendix to this Order for wear by Naval and W.R.N.S. ratings qualifying in the new (AE) category. The availability of these badges will be promulgated in due course.

2. An initial gratuitous issue of the appropriate badges to the scale indicated in 3.R. 93, Appendix 64, Scale A, as amended by A.F.O. 457/58 (*Uniform—Naval Ratings and Royal Marines Other Ranks—Restoration of Gold Badges to Compulsory Kits*) and Scale C, Section II is to be made to all Naval and W.R.N.S. ratings who qualify in the new category. All such gratuitous issues are to be recorded in ratings pay books, forms S.43A. Ratings with less than six months still to serve are not required to change their badges and they should not receive a free issue.

3. Pending the availability of these complete (AE) badges appropriate badges (red and blue only) may be made up locally utilising existing stocks of (A) and (E) badges, three of which are required to make one (AE) badge. The letters "A" and "E" would be cut from two existing badges and then sewn or stuck close together and centrally below the aeroplane device on a third badge from which, in the case of embroidered badges, the letter "A" or "E" has been unpicked. Such composite badges may be issued on the basis indicated in paragraph 2 to ratings qualifying in the (E) category. Existing gold badges are not to be adapted in this manner.

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APPENDIX

	Vocab. Nos.				
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
	Red on Blue	Printed Blue on White	Embroidered Blue on White	Gold on Blue	Blue on blue, rayon
Chief Air Fitter (AE) on higher rate of pay.	32399	33399	30399	31399	50770
Chief Air Fitter (AE) on lower rate of pay.	32400	33400	30400	31400	50771
P.O. Air Fitter (AE) on higher rate of pay.	32401	33401	30401	31401	50401
Leading Air Mechanic (AE) ..	32402	33402	30402	31402	50402
Naval Air Mechanic 1 (AE) (Wren Air Mechanic (AE) Able Rating)	32403	33403	30403	31403	50403
Naval Air Mechanic 2 (AE) (Wren Air Mechanic (AE) Other Ratings).	32404	33404	—	31404	50404

Note

Columns A and D—Naval Ratings' Badges.

Column E—Wren Ratings' Badges.

Columns B and C—Naval and Wren Ratings' Badges.

(Appendix to the Navy List, Uniform Regulations (Ratings).)

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(A.F.Os. 82/58 and 457/58.)

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