

*409.—Uniform—Badges—Submarine Ratings

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Their Lordships have approved the wearing by ratings of a submarine badge subject to the following conditions. The wearing of this badge by qualified ratings will be optional and the badge will be made available for issue on repayment only.

2. *Qualification.*—The qualification for the badge will be the successful completion of the oral examination conducted by Ships' boards between four and six months after ratings join their first submarine.

3. For ratings whose service in submarines began before the institution of this examination and who are still serving in submarines, permission to wear the badge is at the discretion of the Submarine Commanding Officer, either with or without an examination according to the circumstances. There is, however, to be no examination for Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers.

4. Submarine ratings who have returned to general service may apply, through their Commanding Officer, to the Flag Officer, Submarines, who will authorise the wearing of the badge provided the rating concerned is eligible.

5. *Wearing.*—The badge is to be worn on blue and white uniform suits only. It is to be worn on overcoats, action working dress, overalls, tropical shirts or singlets. The badge is to be worn by C.P.Os. on the cuff of the left sleeve $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the centre of the cuff, and by other ratings $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the lower end of the left sleeve of the jacket or jumper without cuffs. On jumpers with cuffs, it is to be worn $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches above the top of the left cuff.

6. *Forfeiture.*—Normally the holder of a submarine badge may continue to wear the badge after he has reverted to general service. Permission to wear the submarine badge may, however, be withdrawn if the holder has :—

- (a) been removed from submarine service for disciplinary or other reasons within his own control, or
- (b) failed to complete his first five-year period of service in submarines (Q.R. and A.I., Article 0814, paragraph 5).

7. The withdrawal of permission to wear the badge will be subject to Flag Officer, Submarines' approval in each case.

8. *Records and Reports.*—The grant or withdrawal of permission to wear the submarine badge is to be recorded at the foot of page 3 of the rating's Service Record. In addition, the names and official numbers of ratings granted permission to wear the badge in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above are to be reported to the Flag Officer, Submarines.

9. Stocks of these badges are now available on demand from the Victualling Stores at Home and will be available shortly at H.M. Victualling Yards, Malta and Singapore. Requirements for the 4th and 6th Submarine Squadrons should be ordered from H.M.S. "Dolphin". The issuing prices of the Submarine badges are as follows :—

<i>Vocabulary No.</i>	<i>Issuing Price</i>
	<i>s. d.</i>
31420 (Gold)	7 0
32420 (Red)	5
30420 (Embroidered Blue)	5

10. The Uniform Regulations (Ratings) will be amended.

(Q.R. and A.I.)

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