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## SPECIAL ISSUE

STORES—CLOTHING—ISSUING PRICES,  
KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCES, ETC

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## IV. EQUIPMENT, STORES AND SERVICING

### 232/79. STORES—CLOTHING—ISSUING PRICES, KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCES, ETC. (U)

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#### Introduction

1. There is a widespread misconception that KUA changes are related to pay. This is not so: changes in KUA rates reflect current clothing costs, changes in uniform design and the scales of compulsory kit as well as any change in the estimated wear-life of each item.
2. It has been decided that in future, changes to KUA for RN, QARNNS and WRNS ratings and for RM personnel, and to their clothing issuing prices, will take effect from July annually and not from 1 April.
3. Officers receive income tax relief for the maintenance of their uniform (Uniform Upkeep Allowance for Midshipmen) and this relief is linked to the financial year. Any changes to officers' uniform tax relief will therefore continue to take effect from 1 April annually, as will changes to officers' clothing prices.

#### Officers

4. The issuing prices of officers' clothing have accordingly been reviewed in the light of current costs.
5. Revised prices are to be brought into force from 1 April 1979, and price lists are shown in the Annexes to this DCI:
  - ANNEX A: Issuing prices of Naval Officers' clothing.
  - ANNEX B: Issuing prices of RM Officers' clothing.
  - ANNEX C: Issuing prices of WRNS Officers' clothing.
  - ANNEX D: Issuing prices of QARNNS Officers' clothing.

*Notes:* 1. The letter 'O' after a description indicates that the item has been declared obsolescent and will be available from Service sources only while stocks remain.

2. The symbol < denotes price change.

6. VAT is to be charged on the sale of all cash clothing except:
  - a. In Fleet establishments abroad.
  - b. In HM ships outside territorial waters for more than 15 days.
  - c. Where items are being purchased under the Personal Export Scheme (see BR 96, Article 0968).
7. With the upward trend in prices, the increased income tax relief for officers' uniform expenses (see BR 1950, Article 3109a) from 1 April 1979 is as follows:

Category	Amount of allowance	
	1978/79	1979/80
	£p	£p
RN and RM Officers of Flag or equivalent rank	255.96	289.44
Other RN and RM Officers	219.00	249.00
Women Medical and Dental Officers	174.96	195.00*
QARNNS Officers—Matron and above	207.00	231.48
—below Matron	222.00	247.80
WRNS Officers	156.96	172.68*



## ANNEX A

## ISSUING PRICES OF NAVAL OFFICERS' CLOTHING

<i>Vocab</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>VAT excl price £p</i>	<i>VAT incl price £p</i>
47006	Bag, flying clothing . . . . .	< No	39.25	42.39
42381-406	Blouse, working dress, worsted/polyester, blue . . . . .	< No	14.05	15.17
41032	Button, anodized, Flag Officer's, size 1 . . . . .	< No	0.35	0.38
41033	Button, anodized, Flag Officer's, size 2 . . . . .	< No	0.35	0.38
41034	Button, anodized, Flag Officer's, size 3 . . . . .	< No	0.35	0.38
41046	Button, anodized, RN Officer's, size 1 . . . . .	< No	0.12	0.13
41047	Button, anodized, RN Officer's, size 2 . . . . .	< No	0.12	0.13
41048	Button, anodized, RN Officer's, size 3 . . . . .	< No	0.12	0.13
41101-14	Cap, plastic . . . . .	< No	5.45	5.89
41116-29	Cap, plastic, Captain's and Commander's . . . . .	< No	16.00	17.28
41070-83	Cap, plastic, Chaplain's . . . . .	< No	8.55	9.23
41130-43	Cap, plastic, detachable top . . . . .	< No	6.75	7.29
41144-57	Cap, top, plastic . . . . .	< No	1.45	1.57
41726-39	Cap, plastic, detachable top, Captain's and Commander's . . . . .	< No	16.95	18.31
27754-60	Coat, overall, Dental Officer's . . . . .	O No	7.25	7.83
27795-804	Coat, overall, Dental Officer's . . . . .	No	9.10	9.83
41158-68	Collar, winged . . . . .	No	0.50	0.54
41396-409	Cover, cap, polyester/cotton, stone- coloured . . . . .	No	2.70	2.92
41356-9	* Cummerbund, black . . . . .	< No	3.00	3.24
41253, 5 & 7	Gaiters, leather, black . . . . .	< Pr	21.00	22.68
41262-74	* Gloves, brown cape . . . . .	< Pr	6.30	6.80
41275-8	Jacket, windproof . . . . .	No	17.05	18.41
41296	Gold lace, $1\frac{3}{4}$ in . . . . .	dm	0.94	1.02
41295	Gold lace, $\frac{9}{16}$ in . . . . .	< dm	0.39	0.42
41293	Gold lace, $\frac{3}{8}$ in . . . . .	< dm	0.30	0.32
41291	Gold lace, $\frac{1}{4}$ in . . . . .	< dm	0.24	0.26
41410	Peak, cap, Flag Rank . . . . .	< No	20.95	22.63
41411	Peak, cap, Captain's and Commander's . . . . .	< No	10.35	11.18
41412	Peak, cap, Chaplain's . . . . .	< No	3.00	3.24
41587-97	* Shirt, evening, collar attached . . . . .	< No	6.00	6.48
41513-23	Shirt, evening, stiff-fronted . . . . .	< No	8.40	9.07
41658-71	Shirt, white, polyester/cotton, collar attached . . . . .	< No	5.15	5.56
41564-74	Shirt, white, tropical . . . . .	< No	6.55	7.07
41599-642	* Shoes, black leather . . . . .	< Pr	15.05	16.25
42056-85	Shoes, tropical, officer's . . . . .	Pr	11.60	12.53
41313-39	Shorts, white, tropical, NP . . . . .	< Pr	5.75	6.21
41689-708	Shorts, white, tropical . . . . .	O Pr	4.40	4.75
41720-5	Stockings, wool, thick, blue . . . . .	< Pr	0.99	1.07
41740-4	* Tie, evening, double-ended . . . . .	< No	2.90	3.13
41749-51	Tie, evening, single-ended . . . . .	O No	0.41	0.44
41433-61	Trousers, working, worsted/polyester . . . . .	< Pr	9.90	10.69
41821-34	Trousers, white drill (ready made) . . . . .	< Pr	4.00	4.32
41861-74	Tunic, white drill (ready made) . . . . .	No	4.45	4.81
<b>Items obtained under MOD Contracts</b>				
	Cap, plastic, Flag Rank . . . . .	< No	27.95	30.19
	Cap, plastic, detachable top, Chaplain's . . . . .	< No	9.60	10.37
	Cap, plastic, detachable top, Flag Rank . . . . .	< No	29.00	31.32
	* Jacket, mess, white drill (made to measure)	< No	8.45	9.13



## ANNEX A—contd

Description	D of Q	VAT excl price £p	VAT £p	VAT incl price £p	
Trousers, white, drill, officer's (made to measure) . . . . .	< Pr	8.55	0.68	9.23	
Tunic, white drill, officer's (made to measure) . . . . .	< No	9.65	0.77	10.42	
<b>Cap and beret badges</b>					
Cap badge, Chaplain's, embroidered . . . . .	< No	3.90	0.31	4.21	
Cap badge, RN officer's, embroidered . . . . .	< No	4.00	0.32	4.32	
Beret badge, RN officer's, metal . . . . .	O No	4.95	0.40	5.35	
Beret badge, RN Chaplain's, embroidered . . . . .	< No	3.10	0.25	3.35	
<b>Flying badges</b>					
Flying badge, pilot's, plain . . . . .	< No	2.30	0.18	2.48	
Flying badge, pilot's, brooch . . . . .	< No	2.90	0.23	3.13	
Flying badge, pilot's, plain (miniature) . . . . .	< No	1.40	0.11	1.51	
Flying badge, pilot's, brooch (miniature) . . . . .	< No	2.20	0.18	2.38	
Flying badge, observer's, plain . . . . .	< No	1.75	0.14	1.89	
Flying badge, observer's, brooch . . . . .	No	1.65	0.13	1.78	
<b>Shoulder badges, woven (including Medical Branch, Medical Services Branch and Dental Branch where appropriate)</b>					
Admiral . . . . .	}	Pr	1.75	0.14	1.89
Vice-Admiral . . . . .					
Rear-Admiral . . . . .					
Commodore . . . . .					
Captain . . . . .					
Commander . . . . .					
Lt-Commander . . . . .					
Lieutenant . . . . .					
Sub-Lieutenant . . . . .					
<b>Shoulder badges, EP wire (including Medical Branch, Medical Services Branch and Dental Branch where appropriate)</b>					
Admiral . . . . .	< Pr	5.75	0.46	6.21	
Vice-Admiral . . . . .	< Pr	5.45	0.44	5.89	

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## ANNEX A—contd

<i>Vocab</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>VAT excl price £p</i>	<i>VAT £p</i>	<i>VAT incl price £p</i>
42602 } 42610 } 42620 } 42603 } 42611 } 42604 } 42612 } 42621 } 42605 } 42613 } 42622 } 42606 } 42614 } 42617 } 42323 } 42607 } 42615 } 42618 } 42624 } 42608 } 42616 } 42619 } 42625 }	Rear-Admiral . . . . . Commodore . . . . . Captain . . . . . Commander . . . . . Lt-Commander . . . . . Lieutenant . . . . . Sub-Lieutenant . . . . .	< Pr < Pr < Pr < Pr < Pr < Pr Pr	5.15 4.50 4.95 4.45 4.05 3.55 3.15	0.41 0.36 0.40 0.36 0.32 0.28 0.25	5.56 4.86 5.35 4.81 4.37 3.83 3.40
<b>Shoulder straps, gold lace with silver devices (including Medical Branch and Dental Branch where appropriate)</b>					
42430 } 42431 } 42432 } 42436 } 42433 } 42437 } 42438 }	Admiral of the Fleet . . . . . Admiral . . . . . Vice-Admiral . . . . . Rear-Admiral . . . . .	Pr < Pr < Pr < Pr	66.90 66.60 51.60 43.90	5.35 5.33 4.13 3.51	72.25 71.93 55.73 47.41
<b>Shoulder straps, gold lace (including Medical Branch, Medical Services Branch and Dental Branch where appropriate)</b>					
42441 } 42442 } 42444 } 42443 } 42445 } 42446 } 42435 } 42662 } 42550 } 42665 } 42710 } 42555 } 42670 } 42688 } 42715 }	Admiral . . . . . Vice-Admiral . . . . . Rear-Admiral . . . . . Commodore . . . . . Captain . . . . . Commander . . . . .	< Pr < Pr < Pr < Pr < Pr < Pr	13.25 11.90 10.50 9.10 9.45 8.05	1.06 0.95 0.84 0.73 0.76 0.64	14.31 12.85 11.34 9.83 10.21 8.69



## ANNEX A—contd

Description	D of Q	VAT excl price £p	VAT £p	VAT incl price £p				
Lt-Commander. . . . .	< Pr	7.80	0.62	8.42				
Lieutenant . . . . .	< Pr	6.70	0.54	7.24				
Sub-Lieutenant. . . . .	< Pr	5.30	0.42	5.72				
<b>Shoulder straps, woven (including Medical Branch, Medical Services Branch and Dental Branch where appropriate)</b>								
Commodore . . . . .	}							
Captain . . . . .								
Commander . . . . .								
Lt-Commander. . . . .					< Pr	4.85	0.39	5.24
Lieutenant . . . . .								
Sub-Lieutenant. . . . .								
<b>Rank insignia for Chaplains and Midshipmen</b>								
Shoulder badges, Chaplain's . . . . .	Pr	3.65	0.29	3.94				
Shoulder straps, Chaplain's . . . . .	< Pr	7.10	0.57	7.67				
Shoulder straps, woven, Chaplain's . . . . .	Pr	4.80	0.38	5.18				
Shoulder badges, woven, Midshipman's . . . . .	< Pr	4.60	0.37	4.97				
Shoulder straps, Midshipman's . . . . .	< Pr	4.90	0.39	5.29				
Turnbacks for Midshipman . . . . .	< Pr	1.45	0.12	1.57				

\* These articles may be taken up by ratings and other ranks entitled to wear them.

## ANNEX B

## ISSUING PRICES OF ROYAL MARINES OFFICERS' CLOTHING

<i>Vocab</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>VAT excl price £p</i>	<i>VAT £p</i>	<i>VAT incl price £p</i>
43575-8	* Cummerbund, scarlet . . . . .	< No	3.00	0.24	3.24
43580	Lanyard, blue. . . . .	< No	0.79	0.06	0.85
43660-77	Shoes, black leather, with toe caps . . . . .	< Pr	15.05	1.20	16.25
<b>Made-to-measure items obtained under MOD Contracts</b>					
	Jacket, mess, white, RM Officer's . . . . .	< No	36.90	2.95	39.85
	Jacket, polyester/worsted, stone coloured . . . . .	< No	42.50	3.40	45.90
	Trousers, polyester/worsted, stone coloured . . . . .	< Pr	23.00	1.84	24.84
	Waistcoat, mess, white, RM Officer's . . . . .	< No	27.75	2.22	29.97
<b>Loan clothing</b>					
73920-9	Jacket, overall . . . . .	O No	5.60	0.45	6.05
73961-76	Trousers, men's lightweight, polyester/ cotton. . . . .	< Pr	7.05	0.56	7.61
73930-9	Trousers, overall . . . . .	O Pr	3.50	0.28	3.78
<b>Badges</b>					
38980	Badge, Globe and Laurel . . . . .	< No	0.62	0.05	0.67
38989	Badge, Lion and Crown . . . . .	< No	0.62	0.05	0.67

\* May be taken up by Senior NCOs, RM.



## ANNEX C

## ISSUING PRICES OF WRNS OFFICERS' CLOTHING

<i>Description</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>VAT excl price £p</i>	<i>VAT £p</i>	<i>VAT incl price £p</i>
4451-64 Blouse, mess dress, polyester/cotton, white, with Mandarin collar . . . . .	No	7.65	0.61	8.26
4471-84 Blouse, mess dress, polyester/cotton, white, with Peter Pan collar . . . . .	No	7.65	0.61	8.26
4474-7 Gloves, brown leather, women officer's . . . . .	< Pr	5.45	0.44	5.89
4444-50 Jersey, wool, heavy, WRNS Officer's . . . . .	No	6.60	0.53	7.13
44877 Lace, blue, 6 mm . . . . .	dm	0.07	0.01	0.08
44878 Lace, blue, 14 mm . . . . .	dm	0.07	0.01	0.08
44879 Lace, blue, 44 mm . . . . .	dm	1.10	0.09	1.19
44870-2 Liner, coat, women's . . . . .	< No	3.15	0.25	3.40
45163-75 Shirt, white, polyester/cotton, collar attached, WRNS Officer's . . . . .	No	4.40	0.35	4.75
<b>Materials</b>				
2878 Cloth, twill, polyester, black . . . . .	Me	1.90	0.15	2.05
<b>Hat badges</b>				
5085 WRNS Officer, embroidered . . . . .	< No	2.90	0.23	3.13
3985 WRNS Officer, metal . . . . .	O No	0.26	0.02	0.28
<b>Shoulder straps</b>				
4093 Chief Officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	< Pr	5.20	0.42	5.62
4094 First Officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	< Pr	5.10	0.41	5.51
4095 Second officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	< Pr	5.05	0.40	5.45
4096 Third Officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	< Pr	4.95	0.40	5.35
<b>Shoulder badges</b>				
40763 Superintendent, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	Pr	2.45	0.20	2.65
40764 Chief Officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	Pr	2.15	0.17	2.32
40765 First Officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	Pr	2.05	0.16	2.21
40766 Second Officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	Pr	1.85	0.15	2.00
40767 Third Officer, WRNS, blue on blue . . . . .	Pr	1.65	0.13	1.78



## ANNEX D

## ISSUING PRICES OF QARNNS OFFICERS' CLOTHING

<i>Vocab</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>VAT excl price £p</i>	<i>VAT £p</i>	<i>VAT incl price £p</i>
46004	Cap, white, muslin, QARNNS Officer's ..	No	1.45	0.12	1.57
46011-9	Collar, stiff white, QARNNS Officer's ..	No	0.55	0.04	0.59
46021-3	Cuffs, scarlet, QARNNS Officer's ..	Pr	1.75	0.14	1.89
46007	Hatband, Matron's-in-Chief, QARNNS ..	}	2.65	0.21	2.86
46008	Hatband, Principal Matron's and Matron's, QARNNS ..				
46009	Hatband, Superintending Sister's, QARNNS ..				
<b>Made-to-measure items obtained under MOD Contract</b>					
	Apron, cotton, white ..	< No	4.90	0.39	5.29
	Cape, summer, polyester/cotton, navy blue, Matron's ..	< No	8.75	0.70	9.45
	Cape, white, polyester/cotton, Super- intending Sister's ..	}	9.50	0.76	10.26
	Cape, white, polyester/cotton, Matron's ..				
	Cloak ..	< No	94.05	7.52	101.57
	Dress, blue, polyester/cotton ..	< No	23.70	1.90	25.60
	Dress, summer, polyester/cotton, navy blue, Matron's ..	< No	23.70	1.90	25.60
	Dress, white, polyester/cotton ..	< No	25.70	2.06	27.76
	Working dress, blue, polyester/cotton, with cape, Nursing Sister's and Senior Sister's ..	}	32.45	2.60	35.05
	Working dress, blue, polyester/cotton, with cape, Superintending Sister's ..				
	Working dress, white, polyester/cotton, with cape, Nursing Sister's, Senior Sister's and Superintending Sister's ..	< No	35.20	2.82	38.02
<b>Materials</b>					
28784	Cloth, twill, polyester, navy blue, 150 cm ..	}	0.18	0.01	0.19
28785	Cloth, twill, polyester, scarlet, 150 mm ..				
28786	Cloth, twill, polyester, white, 150 cm ..				
<b>Badges</b>					
39568	Hat badge, QARNNS Officer's ..	< No	2.40	0.19	2.59
32491	Flashes, QARNNS Reserve ..	Pr	0.25	0.02	0.27
39568-73, 5 & 7	Rank badges ..	< No	3.25	0.26	3.51
39574, 78 & 80	Rank badges for Reserve Officers ..	< No	2.30	0.18	2.48