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1. The Medical Technician structure in the Royal Navy is currently open to male ratings only. In line with the navy board's policy to offer Servicewomen wider employment opportunities, a new WRNS Medical Technician category will be introduced on 1 Apr 92.
2. WRNS Medical Technicians will equate in all respects with their male counterparts. They will be subject to the same entry and advancement rules, be eligible for sea service, complete the same training and receive the same professional management.
3. Uniform will be issued in accordance with the scales laid down for WRNS ratings in BR 81 — except that RN Medical Technician branch badges will be worn. The Royal Naval Medical Staff School will continue to issue additional clothing and equipment for training and professional purposes.
4. The following relative rates will apply:

Warrant Officer	WO(MT)W	Warrant Officer Charge
Chief Wren Technician	CCWMT	Chief Petty officer Medical
Chief Petty Officer Wren Medical Technician	CPOWMT	Chief Petty Officer
Petty Officer Wren Medical Technician	POWMT	Petty Officer
Leading Wren Medical Technician	LWMT	Leading Rate
Wren Medical Technician	WMT	Able Rate
Probationary Wren Medical Technician	PWMT	Ordinary Rate

5. Entry to the new WRNS Medical Technician category will be achieved by recruiting Probationary Medical Technicians (trained in-Service), Direct Entry Medical Technicians (already trained) or Sideways Entry (from other branches). Applications from Medical Assistant (QARNNS) ratings are to be processed through DNR as successful applicants will be required to change Service.

6. BR 1066, Advancement Regulations is currently being amended to reflect, not only the introduction of WRNS Medical Technicians, but also the changes to Medical Technician titles and changes to Sideway Entry transfer rules as they relate to Medical Technician and Registered General Nurse training.

7. A copy of this DCI is to be kept within the covers of BR 1066 until superseded by the next routine amendment.