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II. SERVICE PERSONNEL

338/79. STORES—CLOTHING—ISSUING PRICES, KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCES, ETC. (U)

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1. DCI RN 232/79 advised that changes in Kit Upkeep Allowance (KUA) and Fleet Issuing Prices (FIPs) for RN, QARNNS and WRNS ratings and for RM WOs, SNCOs, JNCOs and Marines, would in future take effect *from 1 July* annually. Accordingly the DCI notifies the allowances, prices, etc which are to be introduced from 1 July 1979.

2. KUA allows for replacement of compulsory kit items only. The calculation takes account of the expected rate of replacement at the current FIPs; *see* para 7 below for examples. The allowance also takes into account changes in uniform design, scales and frequency of wear. It is always up-dated when FIPs are changed; is paid in full from the date of entry to the date of release from the Service; and is intended to allow the average individual to maintain his kit in a satisfactory condition over the whole of his Service career. (This information with examples is also contained in Annex 12B of BR 1992 (*Divisional Handbook*)).

3. Although, for convenience to everyone, KUA is paid with salaries it is not otherwise related to rates of pay.

4. The revised rates of KUA and advancement gratuities are set out in ANNEX A to this DCI. They represent increases over last year's rates as follows:

RN ratings	Between 13 per cent and 19 per cent
RM WOs, SNCOs, JNCOs and Marines.	Between 16 per cent and 22 per cent
QARNNS ratings	Between 15 per cent and 16 per cent
WRNS ratings	Between 17 per cent and 19 per cent

These rates reflect the price changes in compulsory kit items. Exceptionally, increased rates of clothing grants for QARNNS and WRNS personnel were given in DCI RN 173/79 and these are unchanged from 1 July onwards.

5. Rates of KUA for Chinese ratings entered at Hong Kong will be promulgated separately.

6. The various price lists are shown in the ANNEXES as follows:

- ANNEX B: Issuing prices of seamen's clothing.
- ANNEX C: Issuing prices of Royal Marines' clothing.
- ANNEX D: Issuing prices of naval nurses' (QARNNS) clothing.
- ANNEX E: Issing prices of WRNS 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 whilst stocks remain.

2. The symbol < denotes a change in price or rate of allowance.

7. FIPs are based on prices paid to contractors for supplies of uniform items. This year, there are a few price reductions, and many more items with prices unchanged. Price rises occur most noticeably on items such as shirts, trousers, uniform suits, coats and raincoats where increases in the cost of materials as well as in making-up are encountered. The following examples show how price changes affect KUA rates.

ANNEX C

ISSUING PRICES OF ROYAL MARINES' 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>
70105	Bag, linen, brown	Ea	0.78	0.06	0.84
70143-5	* Belt, corps, RM	< Ea	2.05	0.16	2.21
70181-95	Beret, blue, RM	Ea	2.35	0.19	2.54
70231-45	* Beret, green, RM	Ea	2.20	0.18	2.38
70535-61	Boots, ankle, Army pattern	< Pr	9.10	0.73	9.83
70507-30	Boots, ankle, DMS	Pr	7.70	0.62	8.32
70497-505	Boots, ankle, DMS, insole for	< Pr	0.40	0.03	0.43
70599	Brush, button, brass, 0.41	Ea	0.49	0.04	0.53
70600	Cane, walking out	Ea	0.63	0.05	0.68
70601-4	* Cap, plastic, RM	< Ea	4.25	0.34	4.59
70815	Disc, identity, green	Ea	0.01	—	0.01
21171	Disc, identity, cord for	Me	0.01	—	0.01
71010-6	Garter tabs, dark blue, green, light blue, old gold, old gold and scarlet, scarlet and white	Pr	0.40	0.03	0.43
70930-5	* Gloves, cotton, white, RM	< Pr	1.55	0.12	1.67
70920-4	* Gloves, knitted, polyester, olive drab	Pr	1.20	0.10	1.30
71075	Holdall	Ea	1.25	0.10	1.35
71249-53	* Jersey, wool, heavy	< Ea	5.20	0.42	5.62
7340-99-					
137-8668	* Knife, fork and spoon combined	< Ea	0.30	0.02	0.32
71280	Laces, nylon, black	Pr	0.03	—	0.03
71298	* Lanyard, Army pattern	Ea	0.04	—	0.04
71300-6	Lanyard, green, dark blue, light blue, old gold, old gold and scarlet, scarlet and white	< Ea	0.60	0.05	0.65
71374-93	Pantaloon, bedford cord	O Pr	13.10	1.05	14.10
71431	Patch, scarlet, for berets	Ea	0.02	—	0.02
71530-50	Raincoat, man's, RM	< Ea	19.60	1.57	21.17
71565-68	Sash, worsted	Ea	3.60	0.29	3.89
71615-18	Shirt, man's, combat	Ea	4.45	0.36	4.81
71570-79	* Shirt, man's, tropical, stone	< Ea	5.20	0.42	5.62
71771-82	* Shorts, khaki, drill	Pr	2.70	0.22	2.92
71839-47	Socks, GS, polyester staple fibre, olive drab	Pr	0.50	0.04	0.54
71875-9	* Stockings, wool, thin, khaki, No 2, A25	Pr	0.69	0.06	0.75
71998-2018	Suit, lovat serge, solid worsted, RM	< Ea	31.85	2.55	34.40
71899	Tie, worsted, braid, drab	Ea	0.09	0.01	0.10
71901-48	Trousers, drill, khaki, RM	O Pr	2.70	0.22	2.92
72280-302	Trousers, lovat worsted, barrack dress, NSR	< Pr	9.10	0.73	9.83
	Trousers, solid worsted lovat (made-to- measure)	< Pr	11.60	0.93	12.53
72569-608	Trousers, men's, No 1 dress, RM	< Pr	11.00	0.88	11.88
72619-658	Trousers, men's, No 1 dress, RM Bandsmen	< Pr	10.45	0.84	11.29
72311-58	Trousers, tweed	O Pr	13.95	1.12	15.07
72770-809	Tunic, men's, No 1 dress	< Ea	21.55	1.72	23.27
72701-60	Tunic, serge	O Ea	12.50	1.00	13.50
72931-55	Uniform, man's, tropical, stone	Ea	18.75	1.50	20.25
72923-6	Vest, cotton, gymnasium, RM, T279B	Ea	0.85	0.07	0.92
	Loan clothing				
73395	Comforter, cap	O Ea	0.72	0.06	0.78

ANNEX C—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>
Fittings for white helmets					
73720	Ball ornaments, GM.	Ea	1.50	0.12	1.62
73722	Chain, chin, GM.	< Ea	5.70	0.46	6.16
73724	Front plate, GM.	Ea	0.35	0.03	0.38
73905	Net, camouflage, for helmets.	Ea	0.10	0.01	0.11
74075	Puttees, short.	Pr	1.00	0.08	1.08
74485	Veil, camouflage.	Ea	1.00	0.08	1.08
Materials					
75170	Buckle, aluminium alloy, 2 prong.	Ea	0.13	0.01	0.14
75175	Buckle, bronze, 2 pronged, 2 in.	Ea	0.32	0.03	0.35
Buttons					
75315	Buttons, RM, anodized, large.	Ea	0.06	0.01	0.07
75317	Buttons, RM, anodized, small.	Ea	0.05	—	0.05
75322	Buttons, RM, bronze, large.	Ea	0.08	0.01	0.09
75324	Buttons, RM, bronze, small.	Ea	0.07	0.01	0.08
75345	Buttons, VI, drab, for denims.	Ea	0.01	—	0.01
75790	Hook, (waist) belt (for No 6 dress), 73.5 cm.	Ea	0.01	—	0.01
76010	Ring, split.	Ea	0.01	—	0.01
Rank specialist, skill or other special badges					
Other than gold on blue, gold on green, or metal.					
	Gold on green, Badge consisting of basic device only.	< Ea	0.24	0.02	0.26
	§ Badge consisting of basic device and one star.	< Ea	1.15	0.09	1.24
	§ Badge consisting of basic device and two stars.	Ea	0.87	0.07	0.94
	§ Badge consisting of basic device and crown.	Ea	1.30	0.10	1.40
	§ Badge consisting of basic device, crown and two stars.	Ea	1.25	0.10	1.35
39801	Collar Badge, Lyre, Oak leaves below.	< Ea	1.55	0.12	1.67
39917	Badge, RSM, (Royal Arms).	Ea	0.47	0.04	0.51
39921	Badge, QMS, (Crown in Wreath).	< Ea	2.30	0.18	2.48
39922	Badge, Colour Sergeant, (Crown).	< Ea	1.45	0.12	1.57
39923	Badge, Bandmaster and Band Ranks, (Lyre with Oak Leaves below, Crown above).	Ea	0.69	0.06	0.75
39924	Bandmaster of Staff Band (Lyre).	< Ea	2.10	0.17	2.27
39925	Badge, Bugle Major.	Ea	0.78	0.06	0.84
39926	Badge, Drum, for Drum Majors and Buglers.	< Ea	1.05	0.08	1.13
39929	Badge, Staff Bandmaster, (Lyre in Wreath surmounted by Crown).	< Ea	1.00	0.08	1.08
39974	King's badge, (Royal Cypher GRV).	Ea	2.55	0.20	2.75
39975	Badge, parachutist.	Ea	1.40	0.11	1.51
	Badge, parachutist.	< Ea	1.00	0.08	1.08
Gold on blue					
31921	Badge, QMS, (Crown in Wreath).	Ea	1.15	0.09	1.24
31923	Badge, Bandmaster and Band Ranks, (Lyre with Oak Leaves below, Crown above).	< Ea	2.10	0.17	2.27
31801	Badge, Lyre, Oak Leaves below.	< Ea	1.20	0.10	1.30
31924	Badge, Bandmaster of Staff Bands.	Ea	2.10	0.17	2.27
31925	Badge, Bugle Major (Bugle).	Ea	1.00	0.08	1.08
31926	Badge, Drummer (Drum).	< Ea	1.20	0.10	1.30

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31927	Badge, Arm, Colour Sergeant	< Ea	2.50	0.20	2.70
31929	* Badge, Staff Bandmaster (Lyre in Wreath surmounted by Crown)	Ea	3.30	0.26	3.56
31974	Badge, King's (Royal Cypher GRV)	Ea	1.10	0.09	1.19
31975	Badge, parachutist	< Ea	1.30	0.10	1.40
31419	Flash, Royal Yacht	Ea	1.35	0.11	1.46
Anodized					
38900	Badge, Lion and Crown (with pin)	Ea	0.35	0.03	0.38
38902	* Badge, Globe and Laurel, Lion and Crown	< Ea	0.33	0.03	0.36
38910	* Badge, Globe and Laurel	< Ea	0.18	0.01	0.19
38911	Badge, Lyre	Ea	0.13	0.01	0.14
38913	Letters, RM, $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	< Ea	0.31	0.03	0.34
38920	Badge, RSM (Royal Arms)	< Ea	0.36	0.03	0.39
38921	Badge, QMS (Crown in Wreath)	Ea	0.37	0.03	0.40
Bronze					
38800	Badge, Lion and Crown	< Ea	0.46	0.04	0.50
38802	* Badge, Globe and Laurel, Lion and Crown	< Ea	0.42	0.03	0.45
38880	* Badge, Globe and Laurel	< Ea	0.47	0.04	0.51
38810	Badge, Globe and Laurel, small	Ea	0.18	0.01	0.19
38811	Badge, Lyre	Ea	0.05	—	0.05
38812	* Letters, RM	Ea	0.18	0.01	0.19
White on green for wear with raincoats					
35920	Badge, RSM	Ea	0.14	0.01	0.15
35921	Badge, QMS and Staff Bandmaster	< Ea	0.27	0.02	0.29
35927	Badge, Colour Sergeant	Ea	0.23	0.02	0.25
35923	Badge, Bandmaster	Ea	0.14	0.01	0.15
35924	Badge, Bandmaster of Staff Bands	Ea	0.26	0.02	0.28
35940	Badge, Lance Corporal	< Ea	0.16	0.01	0.17
35939	Badge, Corporal	Ea	0.15	0.01	0.16
35016	Badge, Sergeant	Ea	0.20	0.02	0.22
35925	Badge, Bugle Major	Ea	0.26	0.02	0.28
35918	Badge, Drum Major	Ea	0.12	0.01	0.13
35919	Spare sleeves	Ea	0.04	—	0.04
Miscellaneous					
31909	Badge, Globe and Laurel, gold on scarlet	Ea	1.10	0.09	1.19
31809	Badge, Observer, RM, gold/silver on black	Ea	1.15	0.09	1.24
35808	Badge, Pilot ULA, blue and yellow on black	Ea	0.14	0.01	0.15
35904	Badge, RM Band, Portsmouth, gilt and silver	< Ea	5.80	0.46	6.26
35905	Badge, Royal Cypher GRV, silver	< Ea	4.20	0.34	4.54
35906	Badge, Prince of Wales Plumes, silver	< Ea	3.40	0.27	3.67
35907	Badge, Royal Cypher, EIIR/PP, with crown, silver	Ea	2.80	0.22	3.02
35908	Badge, Royal Cypher, EIIR/PP, silver	Ea	5.25	0.42	5.67
38909	Badge, Globe and Laurel, yellow on scarlet	< Ea	0.80	0.06	0.86
32914	Flash, Royal Marines, red on blue cotton	O Ea	0.01	—	0.01
32915	Flash, Royal Marines, red on blue cloth	Ea	0.04	—	0.04
36922	Badge, Colour Sergeant, (Crown), khaki	Ea	0.06	0.01	0.07

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<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>
35928	Strap, wrist, leather	Ea	0.16	0.01	0.17
88886	Badge, WOI (Royal Arms), black on olive drab	Ea	0.12	0.01	0.13
88887	Badge, WOII (Crown in Wreath), black on olive drab	Ea	0.12	0.01	0.13
32999	Badge, letter R	Ea	0.02	—	0.02
35984	Badge, lapel, RMR, gilt and silver	Ea	0.21	0.02	0.23
88881	Black crown on green drill	Ea	0.09	0.01	0.10
88882	Black star on green drill	Ea	0.05	—	0.05
Chevrons (Rank or Good Conduct badges)					
31930	* 1 bar, gold on scarlet	Ea	0.76	0.06	0.82
39930	1 bar, gold on green	Ea	0.79	0.06	0.85
32930	1 bar, red on blue	Ea	0.04	—	0.04
87930	* 1 bar, khaki drill	Ea	0.04	—	0.04
35048	Colour Sergeant, Miniature Chromium Crown	Ea	0.14	0.01	0.15
35930	1 bar, white on khaki	< Ea	0.08	0.01	0.09
36930	1 bar (Royal Yacht) scarlet on white	Ea	0.16	0.01	0.17
88883	3 Chevrons } for wear on heavy wool jersey	Ea	0.09	0.01	0.10
88884	2 Chevrons }	Ea	0.07	0.01	0.08
88885	1 Chevron }	Ea	0.05	—	0.05

* These items will normally be stocked by supply officers in HM ships with RM detachments and which carry cash clothing.

§ Including any distinguishing letters denoting specialization.