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**STORES—CLOTHING, TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES—**

**ISSUING PRICES, KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCES, ETC**

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## IV. EQUIPMENT, STORES AND SERVICING

### 431/80. STORES—CLOTHING, TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES—ISSUING PRICES, KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCES, ETC (U)

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1. The issuing prices of RN, QARNNS and WRNS ratings' and RM Warrant Officers', NCOs' and Marines' clothing and of tobacco and cigarettes have been reviewed in the light of current costs and revised prices are shown in ANNEXES B to F of this DCI.
2. The rates of Kit Upkeep Allowance (KUA) and Clothing Gratuity on advancement to Petty Officer have been recalculated and the new rates and amounts are set out in ANNEX A. A review of grants for special items for female personnel, and of the element for tights in KUA, has not yet been completed but the current grants have been included in this DCI for convenience of supply staff. Revised amounts will be promulgated separately at the earliest opportunity.
3. The revised rates of KUA and Advancement Gratuity, and the new issuing prices, are to be applied from 1 August 1980 as announced in DCI RN 144/80.
4. Although there have been no major alterations to compulsory kit scales over the last year the new rates of KUA allow for such lesser changes as the discontinuance of the pay book wallet and of separate shirts and collars for Class I and III ratings; the introduction of heavy wool jerseys for WRNS ratings and of the lightweight suitcase for QARNNS and WRNS ratings; and for the reintroduction of tapes and lanyard on modernized square rig.
5. Otherwise, increased prices are the main factor leading to corresponding increases in KUA rates and Advancement Gratuities. The percentage increase in KUA for RN Class II ratings is higher than for Class I and III mainly because of a greater price increase in their made-to-measure suits, and because of the changes in scale of white shirts.
6. Increases in the price of boots and the higher cost of footwear repairs contribute significantly to higher all-round KUA rates, and for Royal Marines personnel an added factor is the price increases of both blue and lovat suits. The increase of £5.58 in the VAT inclusive price of womens' overcoats is also directly reflected in their KUA rates.
7. The various price lists, rates of allowances, etc, are shown in the ANNEXES as follows:

#### ANNEX A: Kit Upkeep Allowance, Advancement Gratuity, etc.

- a. 1. Naval ratings
2. Chinese ratings entered locally at Hong Kong
- b. Royal Marines
- c. Naval nurses (QARNNS)
- d. WRNS ratings

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: Issuing prices of WRNS' clothing

ANNEX F: Issuing prices of tobacco and cigarettes

- 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 an increase in price.
  3. The symbol > denotes a decrease in price.

8. VAT is to be charged on the sale of all cash clothing, tobacco and cigarettes except:
- In fleet establishments abroad.
  - In HM ships outside territorial waters for more than 15 days.
  - Where items are being purchased under the Personal Export Scheme (*see* BR 96, Article 0968).
9. To assist supply officers in highlighting the more significant price increases those greater than £1 (VAT exclusive) have been underlined in ANNEXES B to F; supply officers should note that decreases in prices are also specially marked (*see* Note 3).

## ANNEX A

## RATES OF KIT UPKEEP ALLOWANCE, ADVANCEMENT GRATUITIES, ETC

## a. Naval ratings

1. General service ratings serving on regular engagements including pensioners on NCS engagements:

*Kit Upkeep Allowances*

	a. New Annual rate effective from 1.8.80 £p	b. Super- seded rate £p	c. Per- centage increase
Fleet Chief Petty Officers	104.04	89.16	16.7
Chief Petty Officers	103.44	87.12	18.7
Petty Officers wearing the special uniform of the ratings; viz Class III uniform with gilt buttons and Petty Officers' cap badge			
<i>Other ratings:</i>			
Men dressed in Class II uniform	87.60	69.24	26.5
Men dressed in Class III uniform	100.80	85.92	17.3

*Clothing gratuity*

Men, general service, dressed as seamen on change of uniform on advancement to Petty Officer	119.24	107.39	11
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*Note:* This gratuity does not include provision for gold badges, arrangements for which are detailed in BR 96, App 16, paras 55 and 260.

## 2. Chinese ratings entered at Hong Kong

Fleet Chief Petty Officer	69.84	56.88	22.7
Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers	69.24	56.40	22.7
Men dressed as seamen	69.12	60.00	15.2
Men not dressed as seamen (other than CPOs and POs)	67.92	55.32	22.7

## b. Royal Marines

*Kit Upkeep Allowances*

NCOs and men:	a. £p	b. £p	c. per cent
Warrant Officer 1st Class, Warrant Officer 2nd Class	91.44	71.16	28.5
Warrant Officer 2nd Class (Bandmaster), Bandmasters			
Drum Major and Bugle Major	91.08	70.80	28.6
Colour Sergeants	87.36	67.44	29.5
Sergeants and Corporals	86.76	66.84	29.8
Others			