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1. DCIs RN 155 to 163/78 (*time-expired*) and DCI RN 1/79 announced changes resulting from implementation of the Engineering Branch Development. This DCI contains instructions regarding badges for the ME and WE sub-branches. Details of badges for the AE sub-branch will be issued mid 1980.

2. **Badge designs.** Illustrations of the badge designs for the ME and WE sub-branches were published in ANNEX C to DCI RN 1/79. The designs are:

a. *Marine engineering.* The 'propeller' is retained, with integral letters to denote sub-specialization added below the device:

Electrical: 'L'; Mechanical: 'M'.

b. *Weapon engineering.* A new device comprising 'vertical missile, horizontal torpedo and crossed lightning flashes' is being introduced, with integral letters below to denote sub-specialization:

Ordnance: 'O'; Radio 'R'.

3. Initially new entrants to the WE sub-branch will wear a basic badge comprising the 'crossed lightning flashes' device, but a new badge incorporating the full device is being obtained for introduction in due course.

Addition of stars and crowns to indicate professional qualification

4. Stars and crowns to indicate professional qualifications will be added to sub-branches' badges as indicated in para 2a of Art 0440 of BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) (rather than in accordance with para 2b as at present). This conforms to Admiralty Board policy that the revised badge system, which was first introduced on the formation of the Operations Branch, should be progressively extended to other branches. Now that its use is being extended to the Engineering Branch, opportunity will be sought to bring remaining branches into line. From 1 September 1979 ME and WE out-branch badges are therefore to be worn as follows:

a. *New entrants*

(1) On entry: basic device – worn until categorization.

(2) On categorization: basic device with specialist qualification letter below.

b. *On passing the Professional Qualifying Examination for Able Rate:* basic device and specialist qualification letter, with star above.

c. *On passing the Professional Qualifying Course for Leading Rate:* basic device and specialist qualification letter, with star above and star below.
(Note. Not on passing provisional examination as at present.)

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- d. *On passing the Professional Qualifying Course for Petty Officer*: basic device and specialist qualification letter, with crown above.
(Note. Where appropriate the necessary operator certificate must also be held.)
5. No additional professional qualification is attained by Chief Petty Officers who will therefore continue to wear badges incorporating the basic device and specialist qualification letter, with crown above, on jacket lapels, overall suits and No 8 shirts in the distinctive manner laid down in Art 0438 of BR 81.
6. **Introductory arrangements.** The new badges are to be brought into use on 1 September 1979 (or as soon as possible thereafter for those patterns which are still awaited from manufacturers):
- New entrants* are to be given a free issue of the appropriate badges in accordance with BR 96 Art 0917.
 - Serving ratings* are to be given a free issue of the badges appropriate to their new titles under the same arrangements.

Availability of badges

7. An initial purchase of nearly a quarter of a million additional badges has been necessitated, and deliveries are now being made. However, there may be a temporary shortfall of hand-made gold badges for the ME sub-branch and some embroidered red and blue badges for the WE sub-branch.
8. Everything possible is being done to expedite deliveries, but so that stocks may be used to best effect, Supply officers are to lodge separate demands with PSTO(N) Devonport clearly annotated as follows:
- 'Minimum Quantities' (ie required for initial free issues *only*).
 - 'Maintenance Quantities' (ie required for three months' maintenance issues).
9. PSTO(N) will arrange supplies accordingly as badges become available from manufacturers:
- Badges for initial issues being supplied before those for maintenance requirements;
 - RN demands being met in the order they are received;
 - RNR requirements being met after RN demands have been satisfied.
10. Demands for badges for issue to the RNR will be processed through the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command and arrangements will be promulgated by Home Temporary Memorandum (Reserves).
11. Where it is known that individuals will achieve higher professional qualifications or be advanced to Chief Petty Officer soon after the 1 September 1979 introduction date, the initial free issue on that date is to be restricted to those badges required for interim wear.
12. **Accounting details** are contained in the ANNEXES to this DCI as follows:
- ANNEX A: details of the new range of badges.
ANNEX B: details of badges which will become obsolete with the introduction of the ranges in ANNEX A, and which should be returned to PSTO(N) Devonport not later than 31 March 1980.
- FIPs* are as shown in DCI RN 338/79 as amended by N/STE 822/78 dated 22 June 1979.
13. BR 81 (*RN and RM Uniform Regulations*) will be amended.

ANNEX A

BADGES TO BE WORN BY SUB-BRANCHES OF THE ENGINEERING BRANCH

A. MARINE ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH

MECHANICAL. DEVICE: PROPELLER WITH LETTER 'M' BELOW

NATO Stock No	Vocab No	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting classification
8455-99-132-5940 132-5941 132-5942	31599 32599 33599	CPO: Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5944 132-5945 132-5946 132-5947	31600 32600 33600 30600	PO: Device, crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5949 132-5950 132-5951 132-5952	31601 32601 33601 30601	Leading Rate: Device, star above, star below	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5954 132-5955 132-5956 132-5957	31602 32602 33602 30602	Able Rate: Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5959 132-5960 132-5961 132-5962	31603 32603 33603 30603	Basic Rate: Device, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA

ELECTRICAL. DEVICE: PROPELLER WITH LETTER 'L' BELOW

8455-99-132-5964 132-5965 132-5966	31635 32635 33635	CPO: Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5968 132-5969 132-5970 132-5971	31636 32636 33636 30636	PO: Device, crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5973 132-5974 132-5975 132-5976	31637 32637 33637 30637	Leading Rate: Device, star above, star below	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5978 132-5979 132-5980 132-5981	31638 32638 33638 30638	Able Rate: Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-132-5983 132-5984 132-5985 132-5986	31639 32639 33639 30639	Basic Rate: Device, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA

BADGES TO BE WORN BY RATINGS ENTERING THE MARINE ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH PRIOR TO CATEGORIZATION

8455-99-416-4674 416-4675 416-4676	31164 32164 33164	Device: propeller	EGB ERB PBW	EA EA EA	CA CA CA
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ANNEX A—cont

B. WEAPON ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH

RADIO. DEVICE: VERTICAL MISSILE, HORIZONTAL TORPEDO SUPERIMPOSED ON CROSSED LIGHTNING FLASHES WITH LETTER 'R' BELOW

NATO Stock No	Vocab No	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting classification
8455-99-139-9306 139-9307 139-9308	31731 32731 33731	CPO: Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9309 139-9310 139-9311 139-9312	31732 32732 33732 30732	PO: Device, Crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9314 139-9315 139-9316 139-9317	31733 32733 33733 30733	Leading Rate: Device, star above, star below	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9319 139-9320 139-9321 139-9322	31734 32734 33734 30734	Able Rate: Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9324 139-9325 139-9326 139-9327	31735 32735 33735 30735	Basic Rate: Device, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA

ORDNANCE. DEVICE: VERTICAL MISSILE, HORIZONTAL TORPEDO SUPERIMPOSED ON CROSSED LIGHTNING FLASHES WITH LETTER 'O' BELOW

8455-99-139-9328 139-9329 139-9330	31693 32693 33693	CPO: Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9332 139-9333 139-9334 139-9335	31694 32694 33694 30694	PO: Device, crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9337 139-9338 139-9339 139-9340	31695 32695 33695 30695	Leading Rate: Device, star above, star below	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9342 139-9343 139-9344 139-9345	31696 32696 33696 30696	Able Rate: Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-139-9347 139-9348 139-9349 139-9350	31697 32697 33697 30697	Basic Rate: Device, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA

BADGES TO BE WORN BY RATINGS UPON ENTERING THE WEAPON ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH PRIOR TO CATEGORIZATION

a. From 1 September 1979 until 31 August 1980					
8544-99-137-0598 137-2665 136-3278	31240 32240 33240	Device: Crossed Lightning Flashes	EGB ERB PBW	EA EA EA	CA CA CA
b. From 1 September 1980—continuing					
To be obtained	31247 32247 33247	Device: Vertical Missile, Horizontal Torpedo superimposed on Crossed Lightning Flashes	EGB ERB PBW	EA EA EA	CA CA CA

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ANNEX B
OBSOLETE BADGES1. MARINE ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH
ENGINEERING MECHANIC. DEVICE: PROPELLER

<i>NATO Stock No</i>	<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>Accounting classification</i>
8455-99-416-4650 416-4651 416-4652 416-4654	31159 32159 33159 35159	Device, crown above, star below, small	EBG ERB PBW EWB	PR PR EA PR	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-416-4655 416-4656 416-4657 —	31160 32160 33160 35160	Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW EWB	PR PR EA PR	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-416-4659 416-4660 416-4661 416-4662 416-4663	31161 32161 33161 30161 35161	Device, crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW EWB	EA EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA CA
8455-99-416-4664 416-4665 416-4666 416-4668	31162 32162 33162 35162	Device, star above, star below, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-416-4669 416-4670 416-4671 416-4672 416-4673	31163 32163 33163 30163 35163	Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW EWB	EA EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA CA

2. WEAPON AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH
CONTROL ELECTRICIAN. DEVICE: CROSSED LIGHTNING FLASHES, LETTERS 'CE' IN CENTRE

<i>NATO Stock No</i>	<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>D of Q</i>	<i>Accounting classification</i>
8455-99-135-3490 135-3437 135-3388	31517 32517 33517	Device, crown above, star below, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3489 135-3436 135-3387	31518 32518 33518	Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3488 135-3435 135-3386 135-3548	31519 32519 33519 30519	Device, crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3487 135-3434 135-3385 135-3547	31520 32520 33520 30520	Device, star above, star below, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3486 135-3433 135-3384 135-3546	31521 32521 33521 30521	Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3485 135-3432 135-3383 135-3545	31522 32522 33522 30522	Device, large	EBG ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA

ANNEX B—cont

2. WEAPON AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SUB-BRANCH—cont

RADIO ELECTRICIAN. DEVICE: CROSSED LIGHTNING FLASHES, LETTERS 'RE' IN CENTRE

NATO Stock No	Vocab No	Description	Colour	D of Q	Accounting classification
8455-99-135-3478 135-3425 135-3376	31529 32529 33529	Device, crown above, star below, large	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3477 135-3424 135-3375	31530 32530 33530	Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3476 135-3423 135-3374 135-3540	31531 32531 33531 30531	Device, crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3475 135-3422 135-3373 135-3539	31532 32532 33532 30532	Device, star above, star below, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3474 135-3421 135-3372 135-3538	31533 32533 33533 30533	Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3473 135-3420 135-3371 135-3537	31534 32534 33534 30534	Device, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA

ORDNANCE ELECTRICIAN. DEVICE: CROSSED LIGHTNING FLASHES, LETTERS 'OE' IN CENTRE

8455-99-135-3484 135-3431 135-3382	31523 32523 33523	Device, crown above, star below, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3483 135-3430 135-3381	31524 32524 33524	Device, crown above, small	EGB ERB PBW	PR PR EA	CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3482 135-3429 135-3380 135-3544	31525 32525 33525 30525	Device, crown above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3481	31526 32526 33526 30526	Device, star above, star below, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3480 135-3427 135-3378 135-3542	31527 32527 33527 30527	Device, star above, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA
8455-99-135-3479 135-3426 135-3377 135-3541	31528 32528 33528 30528	Device, large	EGB ERB PBW EBW	EA EA EA EA	CA CA CA CA