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— Charity Commission

U = Unclassified R = Restricted \* = Full PE Distribution

**28/87 Uniform—Badges—Introduction of the 4-tier system for the supply and Secretariat Branch/Category (U)**

**[DGST(N)83A—D/ST83/300/5/14]**

1. In 1985 the Fleet was advised of the intention for RN and WRNS ratings in the Supply and Secretariat Branch/Category to display the appropriate level of professional qualification on badges in accordance with the approved 4-tier system described in BR 81 Article 0414, paragraph 2a. As a consequence new badges, described in ANNEX B, are being introduced for Able and Leading Rates, whilst the badges for CPOs and Chief Wrens on Scale A pay are to be phased out. Interim arrangements for Able and Leading Rates who still retain the suffix (CA) are detailed in ANNEX D. Badges for other ratings remain unchanged.

2. **Introductory Arrangements.** Serving Able and Leading Rates and ratings qualified professionally for Able and Leading Rate in future are to be issued with badges in accordance with the scales in ANNEX A.

3. CPOs and Chief Wrens on Scale A pay may continue to wear their existing badges but are to adjust to the 4-tier system in the course of normal uniform maintenance within the next two years.

4. Demands for the new badges, which are to be limited to known requirements for gratuitous/loan issues plus two months' maintenance needs, may now be lodged. Accounting details are shown in ANNEX B.
5. ANNEX C provides details of the badges which replace those for CPOs and Chief Wrens on Scale A pay. Supply Officers are to return stocks of the obsolete gold badges—the others may be disposed of locally.
6. The necessary amendments to BR 81 will be included in Change 6. In the meantime a copy of this DCI is to be retained within the covers of the BR.

## ANNEX A

Scale of gratuitous and loan issues to ratings qualified professionally for Able and Leading Rate

## 1. RN Ratings

Badge Type	Qty
Embroidered gold on blue	1
Embroidered red on blue	1
Printed blue on white (Note 1)	2
Embroidered blue on white (Note 2)	1
Embroidered white on blue (Note 3)	2

## 2. WRNS Ratings

Embroidered blue on blue	2
Printed blue on white	(Note 1)
Embroidered blue on white (Note 2)	5

Note 1 One extra badge for each pair of coveralls or long sleeved overalls issued on personal loan.

Note 2 Only for ratings on first draft to, or already serving at, a station where tropical clothing is worn.

Note 3 Provided on individual loan to HMY personnel only.

## ANNEX B

New badges for the Supply and Secretariat Branch/Category

Steward Sub-Branch/Category

Basic Device: star with letter 'S' in centre

RNSTS Stock No	Description	Colour
V091-99-1320445	Leading Rate: Basic Device with star above and star below, large	EGB
V083-99-1320446		ERB
V087-99-1320447		PBW
V083-99-1320448		EBW
V083-99-1320449		EWB*
V085-99-1320450		EBB

## ANNEX B (contd)

RNSTS Stock No	Description	Colour
V091-99-1320451	Able Rate: Basic Device with star above, large	EGB
V083-99-1320452		ERB
V087-99-1320453		PBW
V083-99-1320454		EBW
V083-99-1320455		EWB*
V085-99-1320456		EBB
Writer Sub-Branch/Category		
Basic Device: star with letter 'W' in centre		
V091-99-1320421	Leading Rate: Basic Device with star above and star below, large	EGB
V083-99-1320422		ERB
V087-99-1320423		PBW
V083-99-1320424		EBW
V083-99-1320425		EWB*
V085-99-1320426		EBB
V091-99-1320427	Able Rate: Basic Device with star above, large	EGB
V083-99-1320428		ERB
V087-99-1320429		PBW
V083-99-1320430		EBW
V083-99-1320431		EWB*
V085-99-1320432		EBB
Catering Sub-Branch/Category		
Basic Device: star with letter 'C' in centre		
V091-99-1320433	Leading Rate: Basic Device with star above and star below, large	EGB
V083-99-1320434		ERB
V087-99-1320435		PBW
V083-99-1320436		EBW
V083-99-1320437		EWB*
V085-99-1320438		EBB
V091-99-1320439	Able Rate: Basic Device with star above, large	EGB
V083-99-1320440		ERB
V087-99-1320441		PBW
V083-99-1320442		EBW
V083-99-1320443		EWB*
V085-99-1320444		EBB
Stores Accountant Sub-Branch/Category		
Basic Device: star with letter 'SA' in centre		
V091-99-1320409	Leading Rate: Basic Device with star above and star below, large	EGB
V083-99-1320410		ERB
V087-99-1320411		PBW
V083-99-1320412		EBW
V083-99-1320413		EWB*
V085-99-1320414		EBB

## ANNEX B (contd)

RNSTS Stock No	Description	Colour
V091-99-1320415	Able Rate: Basic Device with star above, large	EGB
V083-99-1320416		ERB
V087-99-1320417		PBW
V083-99-1320418		EBW
V083-99-1320419		EWB*
V085-99-1320420		EBB

Accounting Classification—L

Denomination of Quantity—Ea

Fleet Issuing Prices are as shown in DCI(RN) 370/85

\* For HMY *Britannia* personnel only

## ANNEX C

Obsolete badges for CPOs and Chief WRENs on Scale A  
pay and alternatives

Obsolete badge	Alternative	Colour	D of Q
<i>Stewards</i>			
V091-99-4165070	V091-99-4165074	EGB	Pr
V083-99-4165071	V083-99-4165075	ERB	Pr
V087-99-4165072	V087-99-4165076	PBW	Ea
V083 35292	V083-99-1369108	EWB	Pr
V085-99-4165674	V085-99-4165677	EBB	Pr
<i>Writers</i>			
V091-99-4165052	V091-99-4165057	EGB	Pr
V083-99-4165053	V083-99-4165058	ERB	Pr
V087-99-4165054	V087-99-4165059	PBW	Ea
V083-99-4165056	V083-99-1369105	EWB	Pr
V085-99-4165742	V085-99-4165746	EBB	Pr
<i>Cooks</i>			
V091-99-4165088	V083-99-4165093	EGB	Pr
V083-99-4165089	V083-99-4165094	ERB	Pr
V087-99-4165090	V087-99-4165095	PBW	Ea
V083-99-4165092	V083-99-1369109	EWB	Pr
V085-99-4165729	V085-99-4165732	EBB	Pr
<i>Stores Accountants</i>			
V091-99-1243566	V091-99-1243567	EGB	Pr
V083-99-1243570	V083-99-1243571	ERB	Pr
V087-99-1243574	V087-99-1243575	PBW	Ea
V085-99-1243562	V085-99-1243563	EBW	Ea
V085-99-1355783	V085-99-1355784	EBB	Pr

## ANNEX C (contd)

Obsolete badge	Alternative	Colour	D of Q
<i>Catering Accountants</i>			
V091-99-4165034	V091-99-4165039	EGB	Pr
V083-99-4165035	V083-99-4165040	ERB	Pr
V087-99-4165036	V087-99-4165041	PBW	Ea
V083-99-4165038	V083-99-1357032	EWB	Pr

## ANNEX D

Interim arrangements for Able and Leading Rates who still retain the suffix (CA)

The badges described below are to be issued in accordance with the scales in ANNEX A. A further issue of the appropriate Catering sub-branch badges (see ANNEX B) may be made as soon as the suffix has been discontinued.

Basic Device: star with letters 'CA' in centre

RNSTS Stock No	Description	Colour
V091-99-1320457	Leading Rate: Basic Device with star above and star below, large	EGB
V083-99-1320458		ERB
V087-99-1320459		PBW
V083-99-1320460		EBW
V091-99-1320462	Able Rate: Basic Device with star above, large	EGB
V083-99-1320463		ERB
V087-99-1320464		PBW
V083-99-1320465		EBW

Accounting Classification  
Denomination of Quantity  
Fleet Issuing Prices

see ANNEX B