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# DEFENCE COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS

## (ROYAL NAVY)

By Command of the  
Defence Council,

*Henry Harbaway*

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

12th March, 1965.

## (U)401.—Victualling Stores—Clothing—Issuing Prices, Kit Upkeep Allowances, Etc.

(N/V.3A/88/1/65.—12 Mar. 1965.)

1. The Issuing Prices of clothing have been reviewed in the light of current costs and the revised prices are set out in Annexes B to G of this Instruction.

2. The rates of Kit Upkeep Allowance, Clothing Gratuities, etc. have been reviewed in the light of the revised prices. The revised rates and amounts are set out in Annex A to this Instruction.

3. The revised prices, rates of allowances, etc., are to be brought into operation on 27th March, 1965, except that ships and establishments abroad receiving this Instruction after 27th March, 1965, may bring the new issuing prices into force as convenient following the receipt of this Instruction but not later than 1st May, 1965.

4. The various price lists, rates of allowances, etc., are shown in the Annexes as follows:—

- Annex A .. .. Kit upkeep allowances, clothing gratuities, etc.
- a. Naval ratings:—
- (1) General Service ratings serving on regular engagements.
- (2) Locally entered ratings on stations abroad.
- b. Royal Marines other ranks.
- c. W.R.N.S. ratings.
- d. Naval Nursing Auxiliaries (Q.A.R.N.N.S.).
- e. R.N.R. List 2 ratings.
- Annex B .. .. Issuing Prices of Seamen's clothing and tobacco.
- Annex C .. .. Issuing Prices of Royal Marines' clothing.
- Annex D .. .. Issuing Prices of W.R.N.S. ratings' clothing.
- Annex E .. .. Issuing Prices of Naval Nursing Auxiliaries' (Q.A.R.N.N.S.) clothing.
- Annex F .. .. Issuing Prices of officers' clothing.
- Annex G .. .. Issuing Prices, including purchase tax, of:—
- a. Seamen's clothing
- b. R.M. clothing
- c. W.R.N.S. clothing
- issued to officers on repayment when the issue is made in shore establishments at home or in ships in home waters which are not regularly seagoing and for clothing taken up on repayment at home by pensioner civilians and ship keepers.
- Annex H .. .. Ready reckoner tables for calculating amounts of kit upkeep allowance to be credited or debited in respect of broken periods.
- a. Naval ratings.
- b. Royal Marines other ranks.
- c. W.R.N.S. ratings and Naval Nursing Auxiliaries (Q.A.R.N.N.S.).

Note.—THE SYMBOL ► DENOTES PRICE CHANGE.

## ANNEX B

ISSUING PRICES OF SEAMEN'S CLOTHING AND TOBACCO  
Notes

(i) *Purchase Tax should be added on sales to officers when the issue is made in shore establishments at home or in ships in home waters which are not regularly seagoing. A list of prices including Purchase Tax where appropriate is shown in Annex G.*

(ii) *In addition to the items included in this list, certain items on the Officers' Clothing Account (Underwear, etc.) are available for issue to ratings (see Annex F).*

	Denom.	£	s.	d.
Bags, linen .. .. .	each		3	3
Bags, travelling .. .. .	each	▶	18	0
Belts, waist, blue .. .. .	each	▶	5	6
Belts, waist, white .. .. .	each	▶	4	6
Braces, elastic .. .. .	pair		4	3
Brushes, shoe, cleaning .. .. .	each		7	6
Brushes, shoe, polishing .. .. .	each		7	6
Brushes, clothes .. .. .	each		5	6
Brushes, hair .. .. .	each		2	5
Brushes, shaving .. .. .	each	▶	2	2
Brushes, tooth, bristle or nylon .. .. .	each			5
Cases, attaché .. .. .	each		12	0
Cases, suit .. .. .	each	▶	6	0
Cigarettes, in packets of 20 .. .. .	per 100	▶	2	7
Collars, white, paper, styles 1 and 2 .. .. .	doz.		2	8
Collars, stiff, styles 1 and 2 .. .. .	each		1	6
Collars, white, semi-stiff .. .. .	each		1	3
Combs, hair .. .. .	each			2
Drawers, knitted, long .. .. .	pair		7	6
Gloves, knitted, blue, Patt. A.53 .. .. .	pair	▶	7	0
Handkerchiefs, white cotton .. .. .	each	▶		11
*Jerseys, sports .. .. .	each	▶	14	6
Jerseys, seamen's .. .. .	each	▶	1	0
Knives, clasp .. .. .	each		8	0
Lanyards, knife .. .. .	each			5
Mugs, enamelled, 1-pint .. .. .	each		2	4
Mugs, polypropylene .. .. .	each		1	1
Pillow slips, cotton, large, unmarked .. .. .	each		2	9
Pullovers, sleeveless, blue .. .. .	each	▶	10	0
Pyjama suits, flannelette, Patt. A.136 .. .. .	each		17	0
Razors, hollow ground .. .. .	each		4	3
Razors, safety, complete with blade .. .. .	each			7
Ribbons, cap, wire letters .. .. .	each	▶	1	3
Ribbons, cap, rayon letters .. .. .	each	▶	1	0
Scarves, black .. .. .	each		3	0
Scarves, plain, white .. .. .	each		2	0
Scissors .. .. .	pair	▶	4	0
Sheets, bed, cotton, single, unmarked .. .. .	each		16	0
Sheets, ratings .. .. .	each	▶	11	0
Sheets, bed, cotton, double .. .. .	each		1	0
Shirts, soft, white .. .. .	each		11	0
Shirts, knitted, cooks' .. .. .	each	▶	7	0

\* For issues on repayment in bulk only, to ships' sports and welfare committees.

				Denom.	£	s.	d.
<i>Class II (Ready-made)</i>							
Jumpers, blue serge, coat style .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	1	14 0
Jumpers, white drill, coat style .. .. .	..	..	..	each		1	8 0
Trousers, blue serge, Class II .. .. .	..	..	..	pair	▶	1	13 0
Trousers, white drill, Class II .. .. .	..	..	..	pair	▶	1	3 0
<i>*Class II (Made-to-measure)</i>							
Jumpers, blue worsted, coat style .. .. .	..	..	..	each		3	4 0
Jumpers, blue serge, coat style .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	2	5 0
Jumpers, white drill, coat style .. .. .	..	..	..	each		1	17 0
Trousers, blue worsted, fly-front, Class II .. .. .	..	..	..	pair		3	6 0
Trousers, blue serge, fly-front, Class II .. .. .	..	..	..	pair	▶	2	8 0
Trousers, white drill, fly-front, Class II .. .. .	..	..	..	pair		1	15 0
Overcoats with gilt buttons (ready-made) .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	7	16 0
*Overcoats with gilt buttons (made-to-measure) .. .. .	..	..	..	each		10	18 0
Overcoats with horn buttons (ready-made) .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	7	15 0
*Overcoats with horn buttons (made-to-measure) .. .. .	..	..	..	each		10	17 0
Raincoats, double breasted .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	5	14 0
Shirts, action/working dress .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶		17 6
Trousers, action/working dress .. .. .	..	..	..	pair		1	3 0
Trousers, working dress for Naval Air ratings .. .. .	..	..	..	pair	▶	1	15 0
Vests, cotton, uniform, Class II .. .. .	..	..	..	each		10	0
Shirts, white, tropical .. .. .	..	..	..	each		11	0
Shorts, blue drill, tropical .. .. .	..	..	..	pair	▶	18	0
Shorts, white drill, tropical .. .. .	..	..	..	pair		15	6
Shorts, white, lightweight .. .. .	..	..	..	pair		7	6
Coats, dust, khaki .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	1	5 0
Mitts, blue .. .. .	..	..	..	pair		9	0
Aprons, Cook's .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	4	3
Cap, Cook's, Class II .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	3	0
<i>Gymnastic Clothing (for issue to Staff P.T. Instructors only):—</i>							
Belts, elastic, gymnasium .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	3	6
Sweaters, white, Patt. A.68 .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	1	4 0
Vests, cotton, gymnasium, T.279A .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	6	0
Tunic, Stewards .. .. .	..	..	..	each	▶	1	6 0
Shorts, white, recreational .. .. .	..	..	..	pair	▶	16	6
Braid, black worsted, genappe, 1½-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	yard		1	3
Buckles for drill shorts (new pattern) .. .. .	..	..	..	pair			2
Buttons, black horn, 1½-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	doz.		1	5
Buttons, black horn, 7⁄8-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	doz.		2	6
Buttons, black horn, 3⁄8-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	doz.			11
Buttons, black ivory, 7⁄8-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	doz.			2
Buttons, gilt, 1½-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	doz.		2	6
Buttons, gilt, 7⁄8-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	doz.		8	0
Buttons, gilt, 3⁄8-in. .. .. .	..	..	..	doz.		4	3

\* Articles of Class I, II and III uniform and Overcoats obtained under contract are to be charged for at the issuing prices in force at the time the clothing is ordered by the men.

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	Denom.	£	s.	d.
Buttons, plastic, black, $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. .. .. .	doz.			1
Buttons, plastic, black (for action/working dress trousers) ..	doz.			1
Buttons, plastic, blue (for action/working dress shirts) ..	doz.			1
Buttons, white plastic, $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. .. .. .	doz.			6
Drill, satin, white, F.S., 29-in., T.538 .. .. .	yard	▶	3	0
Fasteners, slide, black, 11-in. to 14-in. (for blue jumpers) ..	each		1	1
Fasteners, slide, white, 11-in. to 14-in. (for white jumpers) ..	each		1	1
Fasteners, slide, black (for blue trousers) .. .. .	each			7
Fasteners, slide, white (for white trousers) .. .. .	each			7
Rings, split, brass .. .. .	doz.	▶		9
Tape, white, bleached, 1-in. .. .. .	2 yards			3
Tape, white, unbleached, $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. .. .. .	9 yards			5
Webbing, worsted, blue, 1-in. .. .. .	4 yards		1	2
Socks, woollen, knitted, undyed, plain knit .. .. .	pair		3	6
Socks, woollen, knitted, undyed, ribbed knit .. .. .	pair		3	6

## BADGES

Branch badges (all branches)†	Red .. .. .	each		9
Skill or other special badges	Printed blue .. .. .	each		3
Rating badges (P.Os. and Leading rates)	Embroidered blue .. .. .	each	▶	1 0
Petty Officer rating badges, Vocab. 31001, Gold .. .. .		each		16 0
Leading rate badges, Vocab, 31002, Gold .. .. .		each		8 6
Branch badges (all branches) and skill or other special badges single, gold:—				
Badges consisting of basic device* without addition of star(s) or crown		each		8 6
Badges consisting of basic device* and one star .. .. .		each		9 6
Badges consisting of basic device* and two stars .. .. .		each		10 6
Badges consisting of basic device* and crown .. .. .		each		13 0
Master-at-Arms badge, Vocab. No. 34172 .. .. .		each		13 0
Badges consisting of basic device*, crown and two stars ..		each		15 0
Branch badges in pairs for C.P.Os., gold:—				
Master-at-Arms badge, Vocab. 31172 .. .. .		pair		1 0 0
Badges consisting of basic device* and crown† .. .. .		pair		1 0 0
Badges consisting of basic device*, crown and one star ..		pair		1 1 0
Badges consisting of basic device*, crown and two stars ..		pair		1 2 0
Good Conduct Badges	Red .. .. .	per stripe		3
	Printed blue .. .. .	per stripe		1
	Fabric blue .. .. .	per stripe		5
	Gold .. .. .	per stripe		2 3
Crowns	Red .. .. .	per badge		3
	Printed blue .. .. .	per badge		6
	Embroidered blue .. .. .	per badge		4 0
	Gold .. .. .	per badge		3
Spare letters and stars	Red .. .. .	per badge		3
	Printed blue .. .. .	per badge		3
	Embroidered blue .. .. .	per badge		1 0
Gold .. .. .	per badge			
Badges, cap:—				
C.P.O., Vocab. 31003 .. .. .		each	▶	15 6
P.O., Vocab. 31004 .. .. .		each	▶	13 6
Class III, Vocab. 32005 .. .. .		each	▶	1 6

## ANNEX B—contd.

			Denom.	£	s.	d.	
Badges, beret:—							
C.P.O., metal, Vocab. 35006	..	..	each			6	
P.O. Confirmed, metal, Vocab. 35007	..	..	each			6	
Flash, shoulder, R.N.R.	..	..	each			3	
Flash, white, shoulder, for S.D. List candidates	..	..	each			7	
Flash, lettered "H.M.S."	..	..	each			1	
Flash, lettered "ROYAL NAVY"	..	..	each			1	
Juniors' Badges:—							
Junior Instructor, Vocab.—423	{	Red	..	..	..	each	9
		Printed blue	..	..	..	each	3
		Gold	..	..	..	each	9 0
P.O. Junior, Vocab.—424	{	Red	..	..	..	each	9
		Printed blue	..	..	..	each	3
		Gold	..	..	..	each	6 0
Small anchor, Vocab.—426	{	Red	..	..	..	each	9
		Printed blue	..	..	..	each	3
		Gold	..	..	..	each	4 0
Junior Marksman, Vocab.—427	{	Red	..	..	..	each	9
		Printed blue	..	..	..	each	3
		Gold	..	..	..	each	5 6
Leading Junior, Vocab.—428	{	Red	..	..	..	each	2
		Printed blue	..	..	..	each	1
		Gold	..	..	..	each	2 0
Junior Coxswain, Vocab.—429	{	Red	..	..	..	each	9
		Printed blue	..	..	..	each	3
		Gold	..	..	..	each	7 0

\* Including any distinguishing letters denoting specialization.

† For badges sold in pairs (C.P.Os.) the price is 1s. 6d. per pair.

‡ Including C.P.O. Coxswain's badges, Vocab. 31099.

## ANNEX F

## ISSUING PRICES OF OFFICERS' CLOTHING

## Notes

(i) Prices including Purchase Tax are to be charged for articles in this Annex, whether issued to officers, ratings or other ranks, when the issue is made in shore establishments at home or in ships in home waters which are not regularly sea-going.

(ii) Attention is drawn to the facilities available for officers on detached duties at home to obtain clothing either on *personal* application to the Officers' Clothing Shop, Archway Block North, Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.) or by post from the Superintending Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Victualling Depot, Crescent Road, Bolton, Lancs.

## NAVAL OFFICERS

Article	Denom- ination	Issuing Price free of Purchase Tax			Issuing Price including Purchase Tax				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Bags, flying clothing .. .. .	each	3	19	0	4	18	9		
Blouses, blue serge, working dress .. .. .	each	▶	1	13	0	▶	1	16	4
Buttons, gilt, Flag Officers', size 1 .. .. .	each		1	1		1	3		
Buttons, gilt, Flag Officers', size 2 .. .. .	each		1	0		1	2		
Buttons, gilt, Flag Officers', size 3 .. .. .	each			10			11		
Buttons, gilt, R.N. Officers', size 1 .. .. .	each	▶		8	▶		9		
Buttons, gilt, R.N. officers', size 2 .. .. .	each			6			7		
Buttons, gilt, R.N. officers', size 3 .. .. .	each			5			6		
Caps, plastic, officers' .. .. .	each	▶	1	12	0	▶	1	15	3
Caps, plastic, Captains' and Commanders' .. .. .	each	▶	4	12	0	▶	5	1	3
Caps, plastic, Chaplains' .. .. .	each		2	15	0		3	0	6
Caps, plastic, Flag rank .. .. .	each	▶	6	5	0	▶	6	17	6
Caps, plastic with detachable top .. .. .	each		1	16	0		1	19	8
Caps, plastic with detachable top, Captains' and Commanders' .. .. .	each	▶	4	16	0	▶	5	5	8
Caps, plastic with detachable top, Chaplains' .. .. .	each		2	19	0		3	4	11
Caps, plastic with detachable top, Flag rank .. .. .	each	▶	6	9	0	▶	7	1	11
Cap tops, plastic .. .. .	each			5	0			5	0
Coats, laboratory, white, for Medical Officers .. .. .	each	▶	1	10	0	▶	1	13	0
*Collars, semi-stiff, officers' .. .. .	each	▶	2	4		▶	2	7	
*Collars, soft, piqué, for shirts, evening (soft-fronted) .. .. .	each		2	6			2	9	
*Collars, winged .. .. .	each		1	6			1	8	
Gaiters, leather, black .. .. .	pair	▶	1	10	0	▶	1	13	0
*Gloves, brown cape .. .. .	pair	▶	1	2	0	▶	1	4	3
Gold lace, 1½-in. .. .. .	yard		2	18	0		3	3	10
Gold lace, ¾-in. .. .. .	yard		14	6			16	0	
Gold lace, ½-in. .. .. .	yard		10	6			11	7	
Gold lace, ¼-in. .. .. .	yard		8	0			8	10	
*Handkerchiefs, white, officers' .. .. .	each			11			1	1	
Jackets, white drill, for Dental Officers .. .. .	each		1	6	0		1	8	8

Article	Denom-ination	Issuing Price free of Purchase Tax			Issuing Price including Purchase Tax		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
*Kamarbands, black .. .. .	each	1	2	0	1	4	3
Overall combination suits, white .. ..	each	▶ 2	3	0	▶ 2	7	4
Peaks, cap, Flag rank .. .. .	each	3	19	0	3	19	0
Peaks, cap, Captains' and Commanders' ..	each	▶ 2	11	0	▶ 2	11	0
Peaks, cap, Chaplains' .. .. .	each	1	0	0	1	0	0
*Pyjama suits, lightweight, officers' ..	each	1	12	0	1	15	3
Raincoats, officers' .. .. .	each	▶ 8	0	0	▶ 8	16	0
*Shirts, evening, collar attached .. ..	each	1	1	0	1	3	2
*Shirts, evening, soft fronted, with two piqué collars	each	1	4	0	1	6	5
*Shirts, evening, stiff fronted .. .. .	each	▶ 1	0	0	▶ 1	2	0
*Shirts, white, nylon, double cuffs .. ..	each	1	17	0	2	0	9
*Shirts, white, soft double cuffs .. .. .	each	▶	16	0	▶	17	8
*Shirts, white, stiff cuffs .. .. .	each		14	0		15	5
Shirts, white, tropical, officers' .. .. .	each	1	2	0	1	4	3
*Shoes, black leather, officers' .. .. .	pair	2	16	0	3	1	8
*Shoes, white buckskin .. .. .	pair	2	11	0	2	16	2
Shorts, white, tropical, officers' .. .. .	pair		19	6	1	1	6
*Socks, black .. .. .	pair	▶	4	0	▶	4	5
*Ties, evening, double-ended .. .. .	each	▶	7	0	▶	7	9
*Ties, evening, single-ended .. .. .	each	▶	6	0	▶	6	8
Trousers, blue serge, working dress .. ..	pair	▶ 1	10	0	▶ 1	13	0
‡Trousers, white drill, officers' (ready-made)	pair	1	2	0	1	4	3
‡Tunics, white drill, officers' (ready-made) ..	each	▶ 1	9	0	▶ 1	11	11
Trunks, steel .. .. .	each	▶ 7	6	0	▶ 9	2	6
Badges:—							
Cap badges, Chaplains', embroidered .. ..	each	▶ 1	8	0	▶ 1	10	10
Cap badges, R.N. officers', embroidered ..	each	1	13	0	1	16	4
Cap badges, R.N. officers', metal .. .. .	each		11	0		12	2
Badge for berets, officers' (metal) .. .. .	each		8	0		8	10
Flying Badges:—							
Pilots', full size .. .. .	each		16	6		18	2
Pilots', full size, with brooch attachment	each		18	6	1	0	5
Pilots', miniature .. .. .	each	▶	14	0	▶	15	5
Pilots', miniature, with brooch attachment	each	▶	15	6	▶	17	1
Observers' .. .. .	each		15	0		16	6
Observers', with brooch attachment .. .. .	each	▶	15	6	▶	17	1
Shoulder Badges for flying clothing and foul-weather clothing:—							
Captain .. .. .	} pair				7 2		
Commander .. .. .							
Lieutenant-Commander .. .. .							
Lieutenant .. .. .							
Sub-Lieutenant .. .. .							



## ANNEX F—contd.

Article	Denom-ination	Issuing Price free of Purchase Tax			Issuing Price including Purchase Tax				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Shoulder Straps, gold lace with silver devices:—									
Admiral of the Fleet .. .. .	pair	6	0	0	6	12	0		
Admiral .. .. .	pair	▶	7	9	0	▶	8	3	11
Vice Admiral .. .. .	pair	▶	6	7	0	▶	6	19	9
Rear Admiral .. .. .	pair	▶	5	13	0	▶	6	4	4
Shoulder Straps, gold lace:—									
Admiral .. .. .	pair	▶	2	1	0	▶	2	5	2
Vice Admiral .. .. .	pair	▶	1	17	0	▶	2	0	9
Rear Admiral .. .. .	pair	▶	1	14	0	▶	1	17	5
Commodore .. .. .	pair	▶	1	12	0	▶	1	15	3
Captain .. .. .	pair		1	14	0		1	17	5
Commander .. .. .	pair	▶	1	11	0	▶	1	14	2
Lieutenant-Commander .. .. .	pair	▶	1	10	0	▶	1	13	0
Lieutenant .. .. .	pair		1	7	0		1	9	9
Sub-Lieutenant .. .. .	pair		1	3	0		1	5	4
Shoulder Straps, woven (R.N. and R.N.R., all branches):—									
Captain .. .. .	} pair								
Commander .. .. .									
Lieutenant-Commander .. .. .									
Lieutenant .. .. .									
Sub-Lieutenant .. .. .									
			7	0		7	9		
Shoulder Straps, Gold Lace, Chaplains' ..	pair		3	0	0		3	6	0
Shoulder Straps, woven, Chaplains' ..	pair	▶	10	6		▶	11	7	
Shoulder Straps for Midshipmen .. .. .	pair		12	0			13	3	
Turnbacks for Midshipmen .. .. .	pair	▶	3	6		▶	3	11	
Made-to-Measure Clothing:—									
<i>(Prices applicable in United Kingdom only)</i>									
*Jackets, mess, white drill (London contract)	each	▶	3	18	0	▶	4	4	3
*Jackets, mess, white drill (Port contract)	each	▶	2	18	0	▶	3	2	8
Jackets, mess, white cloth, cotton, semi-stiff (London contract)	each		5	5	0		5	13	5
Jackets, mess, white cloth, cotton, semi-stiff (Port contract)	each	▶	5	7	0	▶	5	15	7
Trousers, white drill, officers' (London contract)	pair	▶	3	5	0	▶	3	10	3
Trousers, white drill, officers' (Port contract)	pair	▶	2	12	0	▶	2	16	2
Trousers, white duck, officers' (London contract)	pair	▶	3	6	0	▶	3	11	4
Trousers, white duck, officers' (Port contract)	pair	▶	2	14	0	▶	2	18	4
Tunics, white drill, officers' (London contract)	each	▶	4	0	0	▶	4	6	5
Tunics, white drill, officers' (Port contract)	each	▶	3	9	0	▶	3	14	7
Tunics, white duck, officers' (London contract)	each	▶	4	1	0	▶	4	7	6
Tunics, white duck, officers' (Port contract)	each	▶	3	11	0	▶	3	16	9

\* These articles may be taken up by ratings and other ranks entitled to wear them.  
 † The prices for these articles apply to the sizes in stock only.