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WARRANT OFFICERS—ABOLITION OF FLEET CHIEF PETTY OFFICER AS INDIVIDUAL TITLE; REDEFINITION OF FUNCTIONS; REVIEW OF BADGES (U)

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1. The Admiralty Board have decided that from the date of this DCI, the individual title 'Fleet Chief Petty Officer' is to be abolished and 'Warrant Officer' used instead for all purposes.
2. The change will acknowledge the fact that Warrant Officers receive a Warrant of Appointment like Warrant Officers in the Army and RAF and thus emphasize their equivalent status and position. It neither entails nor heralds the granting of additional privileges.

3. Warrant Officers will continue to be addressed as 'Mr' by their superiors and 'Sir' by their subordinates, or, in the case of WRNS Warrant Officers, as 'Miss' or 'Mrs' by their superiors, and 'Ma'am' by their subordinates. These forms of address also apply to QARNNS Warrant Officers as appropriate. They are already laid down in QRRN Article 0839(2) and are the same as accorded to Warrant Officers in the Army and RAF. When in uniform, the Warrant Officer should introduce himself as 'Mr. (name)' and as 'Warrant Officer (name)' when in plain clothes. When introduced to others, it should be as 'Warrant Officer (name)'.

4. Documentation

For formal and documentary use, it will be necessary to identify a Warrant Officer's branch by adding the appropriate branch abbreviation as a suffix in accordance with the list in ANNEX A. Service certificates and other Service documents, including ID cards, should be amended where appropriate in accordance with ANNEX A with the date of this DCI as the effective date.

5. Early action is being taken to amend the Relative Rates Table of BR 1066, and the general rules applicable to Warrant Officers in QRRN Articles 0838/40. The latter will include a revised definition of the functions of Warrant Officers as shown in ANNEX B. Amendments to FCPO titles in BRs and other publications should be combined with more substantial amendments as these arise and the sponsors are requested to note the requirement for future action.

6. **Uniform.** Certain enhancements to Warrant Officers' uniform have recently been agreed by the Navy Department Uniform and Clothing Committee and are being submitted for approval. These consist of proposals for more easily distinguishable cap and shoulder badges and a smaller sleeve badge for wear with the blue mess jacket. A further DCI dealing with this will be issued.

ANNEX A

BRANCH ABBREVIATION SUFFIXES FOR FORMAL AND DOCUMENTARY USE

<i>FCPO Abbreviation</i>	<i>WO Abbreviation</i>	<i>FCPO Abbreviation</i>	<i>WO Abbreviation</i>
FCPO(OPS)(EW)	WO(OPS)(EW)	FCSA	WO(SA)
FCPO(OPS)(M)	WO(OPS)(M)	FCWTR	WO(WTR)
FCPO(OPS)(R)	WO(OPS)(R)	FCA(AH)	WO(AH)
FCPO(OPS)(S)	WO(OPS)(S)	FCA(MET)	WO(MET)
FCPO(D)	WO(D)	FCA(PHOT)	WO(PHOT)
FCPO(MW)	WO(MW)	FCA(SE)	WO(SE)
FCPO(SR)	WO(SR)	FCACMN	WO(ACMN)
FCPO(SEA)	WO(SEA)	FCAEA	WO(AEA)
FCCY	WO(CY)	FCAEM	WO(AEM)
FCRS	WO(RS)		
FCRS(W)	WO(RS)(W)		

WRNS

<i>FCPO Abbreviation</i>	<i>WO Abbreviation</i>	<i>FCPO Abbreviation</i>	<i>WO Abbreviation</i>
			WRNS
FCPO(OPS)(S)(SM)	WO(OPS)(S)(SM)	FCWRENAEA	WO(AEA)
FCPO(OPS)(TS)(SM)	WO(OPS)(TS)(SM)	FCWRENAEM	WO(AEM)
FCPO(UW)(SM)	WO(UW)(SM)	FCWRENCK	WO(CK)
FCRS(SM)	WO(RS)(SM)	FCWRENDHYG	WO(DHYG)
FCPT	WO(PT)	FCWRENDDSA	WO(DSA)
FMAA	WO(MAA)	FCWRENETS	WO(ETS)
FCPO(COXN)(SM)	WO(COXN)(SM)	FCWRENFS	WO(FS)
FCCT	(WO(CT)	FCWRENMET	WO(MET)
FCMEA	WO(MEA)	FCWREN(OPS)R	WO(OPS)(R)
FCMEA(P)	WO(MEA)(P)	FCWREN(OPS)WA	WO(OPS)(WA)
FCMEA(M)	WO(MEA)(M)	FCWRENPHOT	WO(PHOT)
FCMEA(L)	WO(MEA)(L)	FCWRENPT	WO(PT)
FCMEA(H)	WO(MEA)(H)	FCWRENQA	WO(QA)
FCMEM	WO(MEM)	FCWRENREG	WO(REG)
FCWEA	WO(WEA)	FCWRENRS	WO(RS)
FCWEM	WO(WEM)	FCWRENSA	WO(SA)
FCMT	WO(MT)	FCWRENSTD	WO(STD)
FCMA	WO(MA)	FCWRENTEL	WO(TEL)
FCCA	(WO(CA)	FCWRENWTR(G)	WO(WTR)(G)
FCCK	WO(CK)	FCWRENWTR(P)	WO(WTR)(P)
FCSTD	WO(STD)		

Note: In order to make clear that a WRNS category is involved, WRNS should be added when referring to an individual by name, eg WO(WTR)(G) M. Bloggs, WRNS; and when using the abbreviation on its own, eg WO(STD) WRNS.

QARNNS
FCRGN WO(RGN)

ANNEX B

REVISED DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONS OF WARRANT OFFICERS (QRNN 0840)

1. The principal function of Warrant Officers is managerial. They are required to plan, allocate and control work and to play a significant role in the Divisional System.
2. Their primary employment is in their own specialist field, where, in addition to their duties in para 1, they may be required to offer specialist advice and to provide quality control of all aspects of the work and the performance of ratings junior to them.
3. Some Warrant Officers are also required to work outside their specialization in general administration.

4. In some appointments they will combine specialist and administrative tasks. In such cases, it is important that their administrative task does not prejudice their ability to carry out their specialist task.