

1. General. The aim of this RMRO is to promulgate the introduction of a new Specialist Qualification (SQ) to the Corps, the Royal Marines Communications Technician (RMCT or CT). The job description of the RMCT is contained in DCI RN 159/87. Volunteers for entry into the RMCT will be selected from the Signals Branch, and must be Marines (passed Junior Command Course) or Corporals.

2. Applications. Applications for men meeting the criteria below are to be addressed to the DCSO, CTCRM, who will convene a Board of Officers to confirm suitability and aptitude for CT training.

3. Qualifications Required. The qualifications required of volunteers are:

- a. Qualified S3.
- b. Minimum of one tour as a signaller after S3 training.
- c. Aged between 20 - 30 years.
- d. Passed JCC.
- e. Passed selection course at SCTW.
- f. Passed CT Selection Board at SCU, Leydene.
- g. Four years service remaining on completion of training.
- h. Willing to sign for 4 year return of service as a RMCT.
- i. Appropriate DNSy clearance.

4. Training. The training consists of 3 distinct parts, detailed below, with the duration of each period:

- a. Part I - SIGINT Operators Course (36 weeks).
- b. Part II - Operational Training (1 year).
- c. Part III - Specialist Analyst and Linguist Course (50 weeks).

5. Promotion.

- a. All Marines will be promoted Local or Acting Corporal before starting CT training.
- b. Marines will be promoted to substantive Corporal on the Signals Branch roster, when qualified, in the normal course of events. They will remain as Corporals, until completion of the Communications Technician Qualifying (CT(Q)) Course.
- c. Corporals passed Senior Command Course (SCC) who become eligible for promotion in the Signals Branch, before completion of Part II of the CT(Q) course, will be required to forego their promotion to Sergeant. They may, however, be promoted to Sergeant on successful completion of Part II training.
- d. On successful completion of Part III of the CT(Q) course Corporals who are otherwise qualified for promotion will be promoted to Sergeant.
- e. Those Corporals who are unable to complete the SCC with one year of Phase II training, due to other service commitments, will have their seniority backdated to the Phase III completion date upon successful completion of the SCC.
- f. Two years from successful completion of Phase III training Sergeants will be promoted to substantive Colour Sergeant. Seniority may be adjusted in accordance with the provisions at paragraph 6.
- g. Promotion to Warrant Officer 2 will be based on a RMCT promotion structure. The requirement for 2 'O' levels and the Advanced Command Course still apply.

6. Accelerated Advancement. A maximum of 26 weeks accelerated advancement may be awarded to ranks who successfully pass the course. The award is made in multiples of whole weeks determined by examination results and personal conduct. It should be recorded on the man's Certificate of Service (R138) and implemented by DRO on the day due by service, less the amount of accelerated advancement awarded.

7. Failure or Withdrawal from Course. Ranks failing any phase of training will be returned to the Signals Branch with their original date of seniority. Those having forfeited promotion due to retention on the CT(Q) Course will be promoted when the next vacancy occurs.