

195. ULA PILOTS

1. The following amplification of RMIs on qualifications for ULA pilots is notified with immediate effect:

a. NCOs

(1) Volunteers for training as ULA pilots must have passed the SCC before beginning their flying training.

(2) NCO pilots will revert to their substantive rank on ceasing to fill a flying appointment.

(3) NCO pilots must expect to carry out sufficient appointments in normal Corps duty, in each rank, to gain the necessary experience for promotion. Where possible they will be employed on general duties between flying tours rather than in their original specialist qualification. They will remain eligible for flying pay (SSP(F)) until DPRORM indicates that they will not be given a further flying appointment. This will normally be notified by the omission of the symbol (PH) in the DORM.

(4) When NCO pilots are grounded permanently for medical or disciplinary reasons or because of unsuitability, they will be re-assessed for pay, employment and promotion purposes according to their original qualifications. Allowance will be made for the length of time in flying duties and each case will be treated on its merits.

(5) NCO pilots who are grounded permanently in the normal course of events will be employed as GD NCOs and will retain their 1st Class SQ for pay and promotion to QMS.

b. Officers and NCOs

(1) Formation commanders are empowered to suspend temporarily from flying duties Royal Marines or other service aircrew in Royal Marines aviation units for lack of officer or NCO professional military qualities. Similarly, pilots may be suspended temporarily for deficiencies in flying qualities on the advice of the local Army Aviation Commander. Such temporary suspension and recommendations on subsequent employment are to be reported as follows:

(a) *RM Officers.* To Department of CGRM, copy to the Corps Aviation Sponsor.

(b) *RM NCOs.* To DPRORM, copy to Department of CGRM and the Corps Aviation Sponsor

(c) *Army Aircrew.* To Department of CGRM for onward transmission to the Army Department.

Formation commanders may reinstate aircrew they have suspended temporarily. Where a permanent suspension has been recommended, the final decision will be taken by the Department of CGRM on Royal Marines aircrew and by the Army Department for Army Aircrew.

(2) The rules for payment of SSP(F) are contained in NPR supplement No. 1 (Manual) Chapter S9.

2. RMIs will be amended in due course.