

It is not intended that RM officers should be specifically trained as helicopter pilots for employment in conjunction with commando operations.

2. It is however intended to allow a maximum of six RM Officers at any one time to be qualified or under training as pilots in the Fleet Air Arm. (RMRO 275/56 refers). This will result in the sub-specialisation of one or two officers annually. Officers who successfully complete pilot training will normally be required to complete five years in the Fleet Air Arm before returning to Corps duty.

3. Revised details of training to be undergone by Fleet Air Arm pilots are not yet available. It is likely, however, that a proportion of all officers - including Royal Marines - so trained will be selected for helicopter, as opposed to fixed wing, specialisation at some time during training.