

*1422.—Royal Marines—Specialist Qualifications for General Duty and Technical Branches

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Specialist Qualifications for which Royal Marines are eligible are as follows:—

Branch	Qualification	Abbreviation
General Duty	Assault Engineer .. .	AE
	Cliff Leader .. .	CL
	Drill Instructor .. .	DL
	Heavy Weapons .. .	HW
	Landing Craft Helmsman .. .	LH
	Naval Gunnery .. .	GI
		QR
		QA
		GL
Technical (Non-Tradesmen)	Parachutist .. .	PA
	Physical Training .. .	PT
	Platoon Weapons .. .	PW
	Swimmer Canoeist .. .	SC
	Clerks .. .	C
	Cooks .. .	K
	Signals .. .	S
	Musicians .. .	M
Technical (Tradesmen) :—		
Group "A" .. .	Armament Artificer (Vehicle) Armourer, Small Arms .. . Draughtsman .. . Electrician (Vehicle and Plant) Printer .. . Radio Mechanic .. . Telegraphic Mechanic .. . Vehicle Mechanic .. . Bricklayer .. . Carpenter and Joiner .. . Coachtrimmer .. . Driver .. . Painter and Decorator .. . Storeman/Clerk Technical .. . Tailor .. . Welder/Sheet Metal Worker .. .	T
Group "B" .. .		T
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2. *Buglers*.—Buglers are a section of the Technical Branch but do not hold a specialist qualification.

3. *Plurality of Specialist Qualifications*.—Owing to the conditions of service of Royal Marines, a man may be required to hold two Specialist Qualifications. In this case the man will be paid for the highest qualification he holds irrespective of his appointment. Plurality will be strictly limited; no man may hold more than one 1st Class Specialist Qualification.

4. *Qualifications*.—The Appendix to this Order shows the conditions governing the award of Specialist Qualifications, other than to Tradesmen, in the Royal Marines.

5. With the exception of Printers who are qualified in accordance with Admiralty requirements, Tradesmen are awarded specialist qualifications on passing the relevant Test laid down in Army Trade Regulations and Trade Tests 1943.

6. *National Service*.—National Service Ranks are eligible for certain specialist qualifications as laid down in Royal Marines Routine Orders. The rules for payment for qualifications are laid down in Article 504 of B.R. 1950.

7. *2nd Class Specialist Qualifications*.—The following special regulations apply to 2nd Class, Specialist Qualifications:—

(a) *AE, CL, SC, S, HW, LH*.—In view of the leadership qualities required, ranks must normally be at least candidates for promotion before selection to undergo a course. Ranks who are not candidates for promotion, may be selected, however, provided that they are specially recommended by their Commanding Officers.

(b) *Drill Instructors, PW, PT*.—In view of the instructional aspect of these S.Qs., ranks will normally be required to have passed for promotion to Corporal before selection to undergo a course. Men who have not passed for promotion may be selected, however, provided that they are candidates for promotion and are specially recommended by their Commanding Officers. Ranks who are not candidates for promotion may be selected only with the approval of the Commandant General, Royal Marines.

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APPENDIX

Specialist Qualifications—Royal Marines—Qualifying Courses and Examination

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(1) Serial	(2) Specialist qualification	(3) Lowest rank eligible to qualify	(4) Minimum qualification required before training	(5) Where courses or tests are carried out	(6) Authority to award qualification	(7) Remarks
1	AE 3	Marine passed for 1st Class.	Passed Basic Assault Engineer Course.	Commando School, R.M., 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M. Commander, 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	—
2	AE 2	Marine, 1st Class	AE 3	Commando School, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (a).
3	AE 1	Corporal ..	AE 2	Commando School, R.M., and School of Military Engineering.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M.	Must have served in a Commando for 6 months as a N.C.O.
4	CL 3	Marine passed for 1st Class.	Passed Basic Cliff Assault Course.	Commando School, R.M. 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M. Commander, 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	—
5	CL 2	Marine, 1st Class	CL 3	Commando School, R.M. 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M. Commander, 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (a).
6	CL 1	Corporal ..	CL 2	Commando School, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M.	Must have served in a Commando for 6 months as a N.C.O.
7	DL 2	Marine, 1st Class	—	N.C.O.'s School, R.M. Depot, R.M. Small Arms School, R.M.	Commandant, N.C.O.'s School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (b).

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8	DL 1	Corporal ..	DL 2	N.C.O.'s School, R.M. Depot, R.M. Small Arms School, R.M.	Commandant, N.C.O.'s School, R.M.	Must have served at sea or in a Commando for 6 months as a N.C.O.
9	HW 3	Marine passed for 1st Class	Passed Basic Heavy Weapons Course	Commando School, R.M. 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M. Commander, 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	—
10	HW 2	Marine, 1st Class	HW 3	Commando School, R.M. and Technical Training Centre, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (a).
11	HW 1	Corporal ..	HW 2	Commando School, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M.	Must have served in a Commando for 6 months as a N.C.O.
12	LH 3	Marine passed for 1st Class	—	In the Squadron concerned	The Officer Commanding the Squadron concerned.	—
13	LH 2	Marine, 1st Class	LH 3	Amphibious School, R.M.	Commandant, Amphibious School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (a).
14	LH 1	Corporal ..	LH 2 (actively employed as LH 2 for at least 6 months)	Amphibious School, R.M.	Commandant, Amphibious School, R.M.	—
15	QR 3 QA 3 GL 3 QR 2 QA 2 GL 2 QR 1 QA 1 GL 1 GI	As applicable ..	As applicable ..	R.N. Gunnery Schools or Gunnery School, R.M.	Captains, R.N. Gunnery Schools, or Commandant Gunnery School, R.M.	See B.R. 1066 (49)

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16	PA	Marine, 1st Class	—	Airborne Forces Depot and P.C.A.U., R.A.F. Station, Abingdon.	Commandant, Airborne Forces Depot.	This qualification is confined to 3rd Class.
17	PT 2	Marine, 1st Class (Must be under 25 years of age)	—	P.T. School, R.M. ..	Commandant, P.T. School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (b).
18	PT 1	Corporal ..	PT 2	P.T. School, R.M. ..	Commandant, P.T. School, R.M.	Must have served at sea, in a Commando, L.C. Squadron or S.B.S. for 6 months as a N.C.O.
19(a)	PW 3(N)	Marine passed for 1st Class	Passed Basic Course ..	3 Commando Brigade, R.M. Commando School, R.M.	Commander, 3 Commando Brigade, R.M. Commandant, Commando School, R.M.	—
19(b)	PW 3(S)	Marine passed for 1st Class	Passed Basic Course ..	Small Arms School, R.M. 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	Commandant, Small Arms School, R.M. Commander, 3 Commando Brigade, R.M.	—
20(a)	PW 2(T)	Marine, 1st Class	—	Commando School, R.M.	Commandant, Commando School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (b).
20(b)	PW 2(W)	Marine, 1st Class	—	Small Arms School, R.M.	Commandant, Small Arms School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (b).
21	PW 1	Corporal ..	PW 2	Small Arms School, R.M.	Commandant, Small Arms School, R.M.	Must have served in a Commando for 6 months as a N.C.O.
22	SC 3	Marine, 1st Class (Marine passed for 1st Class if specially recommended)	—	Amphibious School, R.M., Airborne Forces Depot and P.C.A.U., R.A.F. Station, Abingdon.	Commandant, Amphibious School, R.M.	Must be a volunteer for parachute jumping and underwater swimming.

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23	SC 2	Marine, 1st Class	SC 3	Amphibious School, R.M.	Commandant, Amphibious School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (a).
24	SC 1	Corporal ..	SC 2	Amphibious School, R.M.	Commandant, Amphibious School, R.M.	Must have served in a S.B.S. for 6 months.
25	S 3	Marine passed for 1st Class.	—	Signal School, R.M. ..	Commandant, Signal School, R.M.	—
26	S 2	Marine, 1st Class	S 3	Signal School, R.M., and Amphibious Warfare Signal School.	Commandant, Signal School, R.M.	See paragraph 7 (a).
27	S 1	Corporal ..	S 2	Signal School, R.M., School of Infantry and Amphibious Warfare Signal School.	Commandant, Signal School, R.M.	Must have served in a Commando for 6 months as a N.C.O.
28	C 3	Marine, 1st Class	—	Signal School, R.M. ..	Commandant, Signal School, R.M.	—
29	C 2	Marine, 1st Class	C 3	Signal School, R.M. ..	Commandant, Signal School, R.M.	—
30	C 1	Corporal ..	C 2	Signal School, R.M. ..	Commandant, Signal School, R.M.	—
31	K 3	Marine passed for 1st Class if specially enlisted, otherwise Marine, 1st Class	—	Army Catering Corps Training Centre.	Commandant, Army Catering Corps Training Centre.	—
32	K 2	Marine, 1st Class	K 3	Army Catering Corps Training Centre.	Commandant, Army Catering Corps Training Centre.	—

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33	K 1	Corporal	..	K 2	Army Catering Corps Training Centre.	Commandant, Army Catering Corps Training Centre.
34	M 3	Musician, 1st Class	—	—	R.M. School of Music, R.M. Barracks, Eastney, or R.M. Barracks, Plymouth.	Commandant, R.M. School of Music.
35	M 2	Musician, 1st Class	M 3	—	R.M. School of Music, R.M. Barracks, Eastney, or R.M. Barracks, Plymouth.	Commandant, R.M. School of Music.
36	M 1	Musician, 1st Class	M 2	—	R.M. School of Music, R.M. Barracks, Eastney, or R.M. Barracks, Plymouth.	Commandant, R.M. School of Music.

(B.R. 1066/49, B.R. 1950 and Army Trade Regulations and Trade Tests, 1943.)

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