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## Defence Council Instructions

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## 101/99 Uniform and Clothing - Introduction of Rate Badges for Able Rates (U)

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### Background

1. Following the introduction of the General Duty Rig White Short Sleeve Shirt for JRs in 1998, it was agreed that the lack of naval identity for Able Rates and below was unacceptable.
2. The Navy Board have approved the introduction of a new badge in the form of a dark blue shoulder slide with appropriate gold lettering which will identify the individual's Service as follows: ROYAL NAVY (in full), QARNNS, QARNNS( R) and RNR.

## **Wearing of the badge**

3. Badges will be worn as of Monday 1 Nov 99.
4. They are to be worn on the same occasions as rate badges are currently worn by Leading Hands and Senior Rate, ie GDR shirt, Jersey Heavy Wool etc.

## **Initial issue**

4. All eligible individuals will receive a one off issue of two sets of the appropriate shoulder slides. Thereafter the slides will be awarded at a suitable ceremony on completion of part 1 training. The initial availability and issue of the slides will be detailed in a forthcoming RNTM.