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# 117/02 Naval Ratings' terms of service - Merger of the Warfare Branch Communication Technician sub-specialisations (U)

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1. *Introduction.* As part of the TOPMAST initiative, the Second Sea Lord and Commander in Chief Naval Home Command has sought to rationalise the current Royal Navy specialisation and sub-specialisation structures in order to ensure that individuals are employed more flexibly and with the right skills in the right places. A fundamental principle of this review is the creation of larger groupings through the merger of sub-specialisations and the use of targeted job-specific training to equip individuals with the skills that they need to undertake a particular job.
2. *Merger of Communications Technician sub-specialisations.* With effect from 1 Oct 02, the two Communications Technician (CT) sub-specialisations, (A) and (L), will merge and the designators CT(A) and CT(L) will be replaced by the single designator CT. All CTs are now trained as analysts and their language skills will be recorded as additional qualifications (adquals) on both the Naval Manpower Management Information System and the CT Manpower Database held by the Special Communications Unit (SCU), HMS Collingwood.
3. The verification and recording of adquals will be administered by SCU. An initial list of adquals for each individual will be extrapolated from existing records and this information will then be forwarded to Commanding Officers for verification and comment. Comprehensive rules for attribution of adquals will be issued in due course.

4. *Administration.* All CT Scheme of Complement lines will be block amended by the Directorate of Naval Manning to delete the (A) and (L) requirement. Commanding Officers are responsible for amending personal records and cover sheets to delete the (A)/(L) sub-specialisations by 1 Oct 02.
5. *Documentation and Publications.* A copy of this DCI is to be retained in the front cover of BR1066 (Promotion and Advancement Regulations) pending the formal inclusion of the changes into the BR.