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275/81. UNIFORM—RN AND RNR RATINGS—INTRODUCTION OF NEW PATTERN SHOULDER BADGES (U)

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1. **DCI RN 630/80** gave advance notice:
 - a. of the decision that all ratings should wear rate badges on the shoulders of heavy wool jerseys;
 - b. that new badges were being obtained for this purpose.

2. The new shoulder badges, including improved patterns for Fleet Chief and Chief Petty Officers are now available. They are of slip-on design, embroidered in coloured rayon on a black background:

	<i>New pattern</i>	<i>Pattern to be superseded on hwjs</i>
FCPOs	Gold, red and blue rayon	Gold rayon shoulder badges: Vocab 34054
CPOs	Gold rayon	Blue on white shoulder badges: Vocab 33055
POs	Red rayon	Red arm badges: Vocab 32001
Leading rates	Red rayon	Red arm badges: Vocab 32002

3. Wear of the new badges is to commence forthwith and use of arm badges by male ratings on heavy wool jerseys is to cease. Members of the regulating branch are to continue to wear branch badges as at present.

4. Further instructions will be given in due course regarding the wear of these badges on other items of ratings' uniform including foul weather clothing for which rig gold rayon shoulder badges are to continue to be worn by FCPOs and printed blue-on-white shoulder badges by CPOs, POs and Leading Rates.

5. **Introductory arrangements.** All RN and RNR Fleet Chiefs, Chief and Petty Officers, and all Leading Rates are to be given a gratuitous issue of one pair of shoulder badges which is to be recorded in pay books and on Form S105 to support the Cash Clothing Account. On advancement, in future one pair of the new shoulder badges is to be issued in lieu of one pair of the superseded shoulder badges or one of the arm badges shown in para 2. KUA will be adjusted accordingly.

6. **Storekeeping details** are shown in the ANNEX to this DCI. Demands should be placed on PSTO(N) Devonport and are to be limited to the quantities required for initial free issues plus three months' maintenance needs. After three months, supply officers are to review stock-holdings and return any badges in excess of normal requirements.

7. **WRNS and WRNR ratings.** New shoulder badges for WRNS and WRNR ratings are being obtained separately and should be available early in 1982. Separate instructions will be issued at that time.

8. BR 81 (RN and RM Uniform Regulations) and BR 96 (Stores Accounting and Storekeeping Manual) will be amended.

ANNEX

NATO stock No	Vocab No	Description	Acc class	D of Q	Catalogue price	Fleet issuing price		
						VAT ex	VAT at 15 per cent	VAT inc
To be allocated	31054	Badge, shoulder, FCPO, gold, red and blue rayon	CA	pr	2.74	2.77	0.41	3.18
	31055	Badge, shoulder, CPO, gold rayon	CA	pr	1.68			
	32056	Badge, shoulder, PO, red rayon	CA	pr	1.68	1.70	0.25	1.95
	32057	Badge, shoulder, Leading Rate, red rayon	CA	pr	1.68			