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# Defence Council Instructions

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**84/95 Uniform — Introduction of machine embroidered gold on black shoulder rate badges for wear by RN and QARNNS Petty Officers and Leading rates (U)**  
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**Introduction**

1. This DCI announces introduction on 1 Apr 95 of machine embroidered gold on black shoulder rate badges for wear by RN and QARNNS Petty Officers and Leading Rates instead of existing red on black shoulder badges (V083 99 132 6491 and VO83 99 132 6492).
2. Design of the new badges will be the same as for existing patterns.
3. This change is one of the measures arising from the RN Uniform Review; brief details of which are given in DCI 181/94.

**Introductory and supply arrangements**

4. As from 1 Apr 95 new gold on black shoulder badges are to be issued to ratings on advancement to Petty Officer or Leading Rate. Serving Petty Officers and Leading Rates will continue to be issued with red on black shoulder badges in the normal course of uniform upkeep for as long as stocks last until 31 Aug 96. Gold on black badges only will be worn from 1 Sep 96.
5. Demands for the new badges, which are to be limited to the minimum quantities required, may now be lodged with DST(W).
6. Store keeping and Accounting details are in the ANNEX.

**Publications**

7. BR81, RN and RM Uniform Regulations will be amended. In the meantime a copy of this DCI is to be retained within the covers of BR81 until its contents have been incorporated by the next routine amendment.

**ANNEX**

Description	NATO Stock No	Denomination
Shoulder Badge Petty Officer Woven gold on black Fleet issuing price VAT excl £4.43 VAT incl £5.20	VO83 99 869 1252	EA
Shoulder Badge Leading Rate Woven gold on black Fleet issuing price VAT excl £4.43 VAT incl £5.20	VO83 99 869 1251	EA