



# DEFENCE COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS (ROYAL NAVY)

## RATINGS - OPERATIONS BRANCH - IMPLEMENTATION

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## S114. RATINGS—OPERATIONS BRANCH—IMPLEMENTATION (U)

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1. This DCI consists of the following parts:

PART I—Introduction (Paragraphs 2-7)

PART II—General rules applicable to all sub-branches (Paragraphs 8-57; ANNEX A)

PART III—Detailed information applicable to the Seaman group only (Paragraphs 58-80; ANNEXES A-B; APPENDICES 1-9)

PART IV—Detailed information applicable to the Communications group only (Paragraphs 81-115; ANNEXES A-G)

## PART I

2. DCIs (RN) S1/74 and T459/74 announced the basic outline of the Operations Branch upon its formation from the existing Seaman and Communications Branches. The aim of this DCI is to give further details of the structure, advancement and training (including conversion training) of all sub-branches of the new branch.

3. The following is a breakdown of the Operations Branch by groups and sub-branches.

## OPERATIONS BRANCH

## SEAMAN GROUP

Radar (R)  
Missile (M)  
Sonar (S)  
Diver (D)  
Mine Warfare (MW)  
Survey Recorder (SR)  
Seaman (SEA)  
Electronic Warfare (EW)\*

## COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Tactical (T)  
General (G)  
Radio Operator Submarines (RO(SM))  
Warfare (W)\*

(\*These two sub-branches will have a joint roster.)

4. This DCI does not cover ratings of the UW and UC specializations serving in submarines, the PT specialization and ratings of the Royal Yacht Service. These will be dealt with in subsequent DCIs. Additionally, this DCI does not cover the future advancement regulations for the new RO(SM) sub-branch.

5. In the Operations Branch, rate will be related to task throughout and this will lead to structure, training and advancement being based on rate alone. This will take some time to achieve and conversion training will be involved.