



DEFENCE COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONS (ROYAL NAVY)

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S127. UNIFORM—ROYAL MARINES WARRANT OFFICERS 2ND CLASS, NCOS', MARINES AND BANDSMEN—INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVED BLUE UNIFORM (U)

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1. Blue uniform tunics and trousers in improved material are being introduced for WO2s', NCOS, Marines and Musicians.
2. The new garments are in the 22-oz blue worsted serge used for Army No 1 Dress, and will replace the outmoded serge and tweed garments in current use. The new tunics will also replace the tartan tunics provided for WO 2s and equivalent Band ranks.
3. No change in uniform appearance is involved although the new tunics are lined and are provided with a blue self belt for wear off parade. The new trousers incorporate a slide fastener in place of the button fly in the present pattern.
4. Tunics and trousers will be provided as separate garments, and trousers for Band ranks separately again from trousers for general wear. Details are given in the ANNEX to this DCI.
5. From 1 September 1974 the new tunics and trousers will be issued as part of the initial kits of new entrants and in the uniform provided in accordance with Article 1079 of BR 93 to men re-entering the Service on regular engagements.
6. Personnel due to leave the Service before 1 March 1974 may, when blue uniform is ordered, continue to wear the tunics and trousers they hold, but all other personnel are to provide themselves with a new pattern suit from KUA by that date. The gratuitous issue of a tartan tunic to WO2s' and equivalent Band ranks on substantive promotion or appointment to Drum Major or Bugle Major is cancelled from the date of this DCI.
7. Tunics and trousers purchased up to 29 February 1974 will be available at the special reduced Fleet Issuing Prices shown in the ANNEX. Only one tunic and one pair of trousers may be purchased by each individual at these special prices and for control purposes initial purchases are therefore to be recorded on Kit History Sheets. Fleet Issuing Prices for other purchases are also given in the ANNEX.
8. Tunics and trousers are available from PSTO(N) Devonport. Initial demands are to be restricted to those from CTCRM and The Depot, RM Deal for kitting up new entrants and re-entries. Sales to serving personnel are to be restricted for the time being to essential issues and replacements of damaged or worn-out items, the garments being obtained either from CTCRM or The Depot RM. Further instructions for the more general issue of the new uniform to serving personnel will be promulgated when contract deliveries have been completed.
9. Demands for special measure garments should be placed on Messrs H Edgard & Sons Ltd whose current Port Contract No A/78/CLO/44143/CB(CT)3B has been extended to include these requirements.
10. Residual stocks of discontinued garments are to be returned to PSTO(N), Royal William Yard, Plymouth. Worn garments if of no further use to individuals may also be returned to the same address under the arrangements set out in Chapter 6 of BR 96 (*Stores Accounting Instructions*) for clothing surrendered on discharge etc.

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11. Royal Marines Reserve personnel and cadets of the Marine Cadet Sections of the Sea Cadet Corps will continue to wear blue uniform in the present serge and tweed for the time being.

12. BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) and BR 93 (*The Victualling Manual*) will be amended.

ANNEX

<i>Vocab Numbers</i>	<i>NATO Stock Numbers</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Sizes</i>	<i>Acctg Classn</i>	<i>Acctg Denom</i>
			1-40*	CA	No
72770-72809	8405-99-137-2422/2461	Jacket Men's No 1 Dress RM	1-40*	CA	Pr
72569-72608	8405-99-137-2463/2502	Trousers Men's No 1 Dress RM	1-40*	CA	Pr
72619-72658	8405-99-137-2504/2543	Trousers Men's No 1 Dress RM Band	1-40*	CA	Pr
		<i>Subsequent FIP (VAT exclusive) and Rate Book Price</i>		<i>VAT</i>	<i>FIP (VAT inclusive)</i>
72770-72809	£7.07	£14.30		£1.14	£15.44
72569-72608	£5.72	£6.08		49p	£6.57
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*Full details of sizes and measurements are being forwarded separately to Royal Marines Units, and will be incorporated in the Appendix to the next edition of the Catalogue of Victualling Stores (BR 1246).