

ADJUTANT GENERAL,  
ROYAL MARINES.

R.M. No. 1591/59.A.

ADMIRALTY,  
Whitehall, S.W.1.

1st July, 1959.

CIRCULAR.

PROMOTION TO STAFF SERGEANT-MAJOR.

Under existing regulations it is laid down that the qualifying period of service before promotion to Staff Sergeant-Major shall be two years as Sergeant-Major.

2. This restriction has proved unsatisfactory since the number of Sergeant-Majors having the necessary qualifying service is insufficient to meet vacancies arising in the higher rank. Further, it has the disadvantage of narrowing the field of selection.

3. It has therefore been decided that the two years qualifying period of service in the rank of Sergeant-Major before promotion to Staff Sergeant-Major should be abolished.

4. Sergeant-Majors will, therefore, be eligible for promotion to Staff Sergeant-Major by selection, in vacancies.

5. H.R. & A.I. and Appendix to the Navy List will be amended accordingly in due course.

*June 1959* *H.A.P. Lawrence*  
*ARC*  
Adjutant General, R.M.

Copies to :-  
Commandants, R.M.