

SPECIALIST QUALIFICATIONS - ASSAULT ENGINEERS (AE)General

There is a requirement in the Royal Marines for Assault Engineers. Such specialists will be employed in Assault Engineer Groups in Commandos and at Commando School RM.

2. There are four standards for this specialist qualification:-

- (a) AE 1 (Assault Engineer Instructor)  
Able to organise, supervise and instruct in assault Engineer tasks of all types.
- (b) AE 2 (Assault Engineer 2nd Class)  
Able to supervise assault engineer work under the general direction of an officer or SNCO, and capable of Class Instruction.
- (c) AE 3 (Assault Engineer 3rd Class)  
Able to take technical charge of a party of 2 or 3 engineers in the absence of a AE 2.
- (d) Passed Basic Assault Engineering  
Remaining members of an Assault Engineer Section.

Courses

3. Qualifying courses are carried out at Commando School RM and School of Military Engineering.

4. Details of courses are as follows :-

Type of Course	Where carried out	Duration (weeks)	Qualification obtained
(a) Basic Assault Engineering	Commando School RM	8	Passed
(b) AE 3	Commando School RM	3	
(c) Commando Engineering	Commando School RM	8	AE 3
(d) Infantry Pioneer	School of Military Engineering		AE 2
(e) Advanced Commando Engineering	Commando School RM	6	
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NOTE : (a) & (e) above are arranged so as to conform with Infantry Pioneer Courses at School of Military Engineering.

Documentation

5. (a) RM will keep a list of all ranks with AE qualifications.  
 (b) Commando School RM is to publish Part II Orders in respect of ranks attaining AE qualifications.  
 (c) Results of courses will be entered on Training and Employment Sheets.

Special Drafting Instructions

6. NCOs and Marines qualified in assault Engineering will be appointed as follows :-

- (a) Foreign Service - with Commando Units.
- (b) Home Service - the Assault Engineer Platoon of Commando School RM will have prior claim on these men up to numbers required to fill its complement.