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5601. Royal Australian Navy Ratings Serving with the Royal Navy

a. Advancements and reporting procedures are initiated via the Australian Naval Adviser, Australia House, Strand, London WC2.

b. Advancement notification for Royal Australian Navy (RAN) ratings serving with the RN will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer (CO) concerned, who may then advance the rating subject to a local recommendation. The action taken on receipt of the advancement notification is to be reported to Australia House.

c. When routine reports on RAN ratings serving with the RN are required, the necessary forms will be distributed to all COs with RAN ratings under their command.

d. COs should make any recommendations for advancement on the basis of comparison with RN personnel of similar rate.

e. Completed reports should be forwarded direct to Australia House.

5602. Royal New Zealand Navy Ratings Serving with the Royal Navy

a. In respect of Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) ratings serving with the RN, the applicable (branch dependent) Performance and Career Review Form, RNZN 184, is to be completed in accordance with the guidance contained in RNZN Form 185. RNZN ratings serving with the RN will provide copies of these forms to their Divisional Officer on joining their ship/unit. Completed RNZN Form 184s are to be forwarded direct to the Naval Adviser, New Zealand Defence Staff, New Zealand House, Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TQ.

b. Advancement Rosters are maintained by the Office of the Captain Fleet Personnel and Training, Naval Support Command, Auckland, New Zealand. When a rating becomes due for advancement, the Advancement Authority will issue a RNZN Form 106 authorising the action.

c. Forms RNZN 106 are sent to the Naval Adviser High Commissioner for New Zealand in London who arranges for the necessary transmission of the forms to the ships and establishments concerned. COs may then advance the ratings subject to a local recommendation. The action taken is to be reported, and the forms returned, to the authorities from which they are received.

d. Should a RNZN rating, serving with the RN, apply to take a professional or leadership examination or CBRNDC (Branch Knowledge) examination for either rostered or non-rostered advancement to Leading Hand or above, advice is to be sought from The Head, New Zealand Defence Liaison Staff, New Zealand House. The rating's Service Documents should be forwarded in every case. This procedure does not apply to an examination, which is the culmination of any course that the rating undertakes.

5603. Royal Navy Ratings on Loan to Commonwealth Navies

a. The conditions of promotion/advancement of ratings while on loan to Commonwealth Navies are generally similar to those in the RN.

b. Ratings, whose advancement is not subject to selection procedures, are to be advanced as provided for in accordance with Chapter 68. No reversion will take place on return to the RN.

c. A rating on loan to a Commonwealth Navy, who is eligible for consideration for promotion within the RN, will continue to have a selection dossier maintained and Appraisal Reports will need to be raised by the employing Service. DDPD will liaise accordingly. If a rating is subsequently selected for training/promotion during the period of loan service, then reference will be made to the Naval Secretary for communication to the Commonwealth authority concerned so that they may receive the higher pay etc. of their new rate. Should the Commonwealth Navy not require the services of the rating in the higher rate, they will be returned to the RN. The higher pay is not payable by the Commonwealth Navy where any promotion involves immediate return to the RN.

d. **Local Acting Rate.** Any local rate conferred on a rating whilst on loan to a Commonwealth Navy is to be noted on their SJAR. A rating so advanced will revert to the former rate on return to the RN.

e. **Report of Promotion/Advancement by Commonwealth Authority.** On each occasion of an RN rating being promoted or advanced while serving with a Commonwealth Navy, the CO should forward a certificate to DDPD stating under which of the Paras (Para 5603 sub para b or Para 5603 sub para c) the promotion or advancement was made.

f. **Return to the RN.** After service with a Commonwealth Navy, the rate held on return to the RN should be verified by the ship or establishment that the rating joins. Where advancement has taken place, enquiry should be made of DDPD as to the retention of the higher rate. In doubtful cases, DDPD is to refer the question to the Navy Command Headquarters Terms of Service Team for a decision.

g. **Appraisal Reports.** DDPD is to ensure that Appraisal Reports are received for ratings serving with Commonwealth Navies.