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005/035

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## ROYAL NAVY YOUNG OFFICERS' LANGUAGE PREPARATORY COURSE

### Aim of course

The aim is to provide students with the linguistic, cultural, academic and fitness skills deemed necessary to commence training on the RNYOC or other RN course as appropriate.

### Objective

The objective is to meet the level of English language competence required and remove English language as a factor which may adversely affect performance in subsequent Naval training courses.

### Outline syllabus

The major component is English language with subsidiary modules of naval terminology and basic fitness.

The standard length is a module of 14 weeks with an exit test corresponding to a level of IELTS 5.5.

Depending upon an individual's ability it is possible to extend the course by a further 2 modules if the examining panel are convinced that the required progress could be made.

Several other options including mathematics, computing, mechanics, physics, meteorology can be offered where a requirement is identified and agreed.

### Entry standards

- ◆ **Age.** Students must be under 25 years old at the start of the main RNYOC to which the preparatory module(s) relates
- ◆ **Medical Standards.** As for the RNYOC
- ◆ **English Language Standards**  
Experience has shown that only candidates with an IELTS score of 4.5 can expect to be successful on the standard 14 week module.  
Candidates below this level will undertake a combination of modules and will be required to demonstrate the potential to succeed as measured by regular progress tests. In general:
  - ◆ IELTS 2.5 or equivalent will require all 3 modules to be undertaken
  - ◆ IELTS 3.5 or equivalent will require a minimum of 2 modules to be undertaken
- ◆ **Fitness.** A basic level of fitness is required since the course will lead, in most cases, to the RNYOC. It is recommended that candidates should be able to run at least 1.5 miles (2.4 km) in under 11 minutes and swim 50 metres. It is however essential that candidates are able to swim



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### Examination/qualifications gained

Regular progress testing throughout the course to provide a close level of monitoring and to provide feedback to national authorities as required on the suitability for onward training.

### Post course recommendations

All students who successfully complete the preparatory course are automatically allocated a place on the next RNYOC or other Naval training course requested.

### Remarks

Although this course is primarily intended for students programmed to attend the RNYOC or ISL(X), variations of the course may be available on request for junior officers earmarked for other Naval courses such as the ISOC, INOC, ISSCC, etc.



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