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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 4 January requesting the following information:

The Royal Warrant for the Cadet Forces Commission was approved by Her Majesty The Queen in October 2017 to come into force on 1 November 2017. This enabled the single Services to approve new regulations and delegate the necessary authority to allow the new Commission to be awarded across all cadet forces from 1 December 2017.

Please provide:

- 1) A copy of The Royal Warrant for the Cadet Forces Commission.**
- 2) The new regulations that allow the new Commission to be awarded across all cadet forces from 1 December 2017.**
- 3) The Statutory Authority or Instrument (e.g. Defence Council Order) that delegates the necessary authority to allow the new Commission to be awarded across all cadet forces from 1 December 2017.**

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information. This because the information in intended for publication at a future date.

1) A copy of The Royal Warrant for the Cadet Forces Commission.

The Ministry of Defence intends to publish the Royal Warrant within the next six months at this link <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/>

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public

interest in disclosure. It has been applied because there is no overriding reason why the public should have the information immediately.

The information you have requested in relation to parts two and three can be found below:

2) The new regulations that allow the new Commission to be awarded across all cadet forces from 1 December 2017.

Answer: Regulations for all cadet forces are attached at Annex A.

3) The Statutory Authority or Instrument (e.g. Defence Council Order) that delegates the necessary authority to allow the new Commission to be awarded across all cadet forces from 1 December 2017.

Answer: The delegation to single Service Boards is detailed within the Warrant.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat

Annex A to FOI2018/00149

Sea Cadet Corps

Extract from Sea Cadet Regulations:

4.9 SELECTION & PROMOTION OF SEA CADET OFFICERS

4.9.1 Selection of Officers. The minimum requirements for eligibility for appointment as Officer for those serving within the SCC are:

Minimum age 21 years.

One year service as confirmed PO or Sgt.

Hold an instructor level qualification.

Recommendation by AO.

Successful completion of the Officer Development Programme (ODP).

4.9.2 Initial Appointment. Initial appointment as an Officer will be normally in the rank of Acting Sub Lieutenant (A/SLt) (RNR) or Acting Lieutenant (A/Lt) (RMR). Exceptions to this rule may be considered by DDOPS and endorsed by CSC for candidates who hold or have held a higher rank in another organisation.

4.9.3 Cadet Forces Commission. Successful completion of ODP Phase 3 or approval by CSC of Direct Entry candidates will result in SCC Officers being appointed to a Cadet Forces Commission as approved by the Sovereign. SCC Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers are not members of the Regular or Reserve Armed Forces of the Crown or subject to the Armed Forces Act when on duty. SCC Queen's Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers are entitled to wear military uniform and rank appropriate to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines in accordance with Sea Cadet Dress regulations, and are to be accorded by members of the Armed Forces and others, the appropriate respect and privileges appertaining to that rank when undertaking training and volunteer related activities in uniform. SCC Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers will have authority over more junior ranking Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and Cadets when undertaking cadet activities. The Cadet Forces Commission does not qualify for any post nominals by virtue of the new commission. However, Officers in the SCC are permitted to use the identifier RNR or RMR after their names when used in association with Sea Cadet activity.

Volunteer Cadet Corps

Extract from Volunteer Cadet Corps Regulation 1 (VCR 1) Cadet Corps Charter Chap 2 Para 2.7, Sub-para 2.7.2.e

e. Cadet Forces Commission

(1) Successful completion of the 6 month Probation and confirmation of advancement to an officer rank will result in VCC CFAV being appointed to a Cadet Forces Commission as approved by the Sovereign.

(2) VCC Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers are not members of the Regular or Reserve Armed Forces of the Crown or subject to the Armed Forces Act when on duty. VCC Officers, formerly in List 8 of the RNR & RMR, are members of the VCC List. Members of this List have honorary RNR & RMR status only, and are not considered to be members of a Reserve Force as defined by RFA 96. They do not hold commissions in the RNR/RMR and have no RNR/RMR training commitment or recall/call out liability. VCC Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers are

entitled to wear military uniform and rank appropriate to the Royal Navy (VCC) and Royal Marines (VCC), and are to be accorded by members of the Armed Forces and others, the appropriate respect and privileges appertaining to that rank when undertaking training and volunteer related activities in uniform. VCC Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers will have authority over junior ranking Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and Cadets when undertaking cadet activities.

(3) The Cadet Forces Commission does not qualify for any post nominals by virtue of the new commission.

Combined Cadet Force (Royal Navy/Royal Marines)

Extract from JSP 313 RN Supp Para 10-15 New Para 13-15

Cadet Forces Commission

13. Successful completion of RN Officers' Initial Course at BRNC Dartmouth and the RM Officers' Initial Course at CTCRM Lympstone will result in CCF RN-RM Cadet Forces Adult Volunteers being appointed to a Cadet Forces Commission as approved by the Sovereign.

14. Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers are not members of the Regular or Reserve Armed Forces of the Crown or subject to the Armed Forces Act when on duty. Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers are entitled to wear military uniform and rank appropriate to the Royal Navy (CCF) and Royal Marines (CCF), and are to be accorded by members of the Armed Forces and others, the appropriate respect and privileges appertaining to that rank when undertaking training and volunteer related activities in uniform. All ranks held within the CCF RN-RM up to and including Commander/Lieutenant Colonel will be substantive ranks within the Cadet Forces. Cadet Forces Commissioned Officers will have authority over junior ranking Cadet Force Adult Volunteers and Cadets when undertaking cadet activities.

15. The Cadet Forces Commission does not qualify for any post nominals by virtue of the new commission.

JSP 313 is being reviewed by the Tri Svc JSP 313 Working Group with a target release date of Q2 2018.

Army Cadet Force

Extract from: AC 14233 The Army Cadet Force Regulations V2.0 (30 Nov 17).

2.3.1.2. Status and authority

2.3.1.2.1. Officers holding a Cadet Forces Commission.

- a. CF officers are commissioned uniformed Adult Volunteers in the ACF. CF Officers are authorised to lead CF activities within the remit of their appointment/role and qualification. They are not members of the Armed Forces and are not subject to Service Law.
- b. The authority for the grant of Cadet Forces Commissions to ACF officers is vested in a Royal Warrant issued to the Cadet Forces. Executive authority to appoint eligible and qualified individuals to a Cadet Forces Commission within the Army's Cadet Forces lies with the Army Board which has delegated it to General Officer Commanding Regional Command (GOC RC) as Commander Cadets. Officers in the ACF are expected to uphold the Values and Standards of the Army's Cadets at all times as governed by these regulations.
- c. CF officers are not liable for call out as the Cadet Forces Commission is outside of the Armed Forces Act 2006 and the Reserve Forces Act 1996

Combined Cadet Force (Army)

AC 72076 Combined Cadet Force (Army) Personnel Regulations V1.0 (1 Dec 17):

2.1.1. Status and authority

2.1.1.1. Officers holding a Cadet Forces Commission.

- a. Officers are authorised to lead CCF(A) activities within the remit of their appointment/role and qualification. They are not members of the Armed Forces and are not subject to Service Law.
- b. The authority for the grant of Cadet Forces Commissions to CCF officers is vested in a Royal Warrant issued to the Cadet Forces. Executive authority to appoint eligible and qualified individuals to a Cadet Forces Commission within the Army's Cadet Forces lies with the Army Board which has delegated it to General Officer Commanding Regional Command (GOC RC) as Commander

Cadets. Officers in the CCF are expected to uphold the Values and Standards of the Army's Cadets at all times as governed by these regulations.

Royal Air Force Air Cadets

Air Training Corps

Extract from AP1919A – Regulations for Officers Appointed to a Cadet forces Commission in the Air Training Corps

102. Appointments to Commissions.

- a. VR(T) Officers serving with the ATC. On the date upon which new officers may be appointed to a Cadet Force Commission, all officers holding a VR(T) Commission for service with the ATC will be issued with a Cadet Forces Commission in the same substantive rank that they held within the VR(T).
- b. The detailed procedures for the commissioning of candidates to fill vacancies in the authorised officer establishments are laid down in ACP 20, PI 201. Their conditions of appointment are in PI 202.

Combined Cadet Force (RAF)

Extract from JSP 313 (RAF Supplement):

VR(T) Officers serving with the CCF(RAF). On the date upon which new officers may be appointed to a Cadet Force Commission, all officers holding a VR(T) Commission for service with the CCF(RAF) will be issued with a Cadet Forces Commission in the same substantive rank that they held within the VR(T).

The detailed procedures for the commissioning of candidates to fill vacancies in the authorised officer establishments are laid down in ACP 20, PI 201. Their conditions of appointment are in PI 202.