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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 9 September where you requested the following information:

"Can you please send the contents of AGAI 48, as specified in QR (Army) 9.086, listing the courses offered to soldiers that would normally require them to restrict their right to transfer to the reserve?"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. However, the Army General Administrative Instruction 48 requires updating and will not, therefore, provide you with the most up to date information you have requested. I have, therefore, attached the list of Army courses contained within the extant Defence Instructions and Notice that require a Return of Service and Statutory Instrument 3382, The Army Terms of Service Regulation 2007, Regulation 15 (Return of Service Commitment). Some courses have been redacted as they are out of scope of the request in that they are not Army courses.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

JOINT AND TRI-SERVICE NON-MEDICAL COURSE TRAINING ROS LIST

Serial (a)	Training (b)	Qualification (c)	Trg RoS (months) (d)	Exceptions (e)
1				
2				
3	Degree/Masters Degree (full-time) ^{3 4}	Degree/Masters	36 ¹	None
4	Degree/Masters Degree (part-time)	Degree/Masters	18	None
5	Initial Flying Training/RPASP including first CTT, OCU or CFS and training on change of branch/ specialisation	None	72	None
6	Second and subsequent OCU on change of aircraft type (any aircraft) ⁵ including RPASP	None	36	Army 48 (Apache and Fixed Wing) JCA TES pilots - 60
7	Flying Instructor, Helicopter Instructor, Helicopter Crewman Instructor	QFI/QHI/QHCI	36	None
8	Refresher flying training courses lasting 6 months or longer ⁶	None	24	None
9				
10	ETPS, Test Pilots' Course	TP	36 ⁷	None
11	Joint Air Traffic Controllers' Course	None	36	None
12				
13				

¹ When personnel attend modules of RCDS but not the whole course, a Trg ROS is to be calculated on pro-rata, based on the length of the module(s) completed.

² The Trg RoS applied only whether the full cost of the training is funded by MOD.

³ The Army MMP is exempt Trg RoS as there is provision for repayment of course fees by individual who withdraw from the scheme.

⁴ Aircrew returning to a previously trained on aircraft type will not be required to complete a ROS on refresher training.

⁵ Including flying instructor courses.

⁶ Training completed by TP during their TP tour will only incur a ROS if the training is a full military OCU on a new aircraft type, as for set 6, OR The training results in a civilian type rating, in which case an 18 month ROS will apply.

Serial (a)	Training (b)	Qualification (c)	Trg RoS (months) (d)	Exceptions (e)
14	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)	ACMA CGMA	36	None
15	Joint Service Photographic Qualifying Course (Defence Photographer Course)	None	36	None
16	ASTOR Aircrew Training	None	36	None
17	Advanced Info Systems Course	None	36	None
18	Joint Service Exercise Rehabilitation Instructors' Course (ERI)	None	24	None
19	Language Training ⁸	Professional or Expert Award ⁹	36	None
20	Weapons Controller Course (WCC)	None	36	None
21				
22	Signals Development Course	Q-INT-SD ¹⁰	24	None
23	Defence EOD Operator	None	24	None
24	Advanced EOD Operator	None	36	None
25	AW Wildcat	FDT	36	None
26	Forward Air Controller Course	Q-J-FAC	36	Army
27				
28	Weapons Instructor (Flying)	QWI	36	None
29	TEMPEST Testers Basic on-Site Course	Q-COMM-EST-B	36	None
30	Network Analysis Development Programme (Military) (NADP-M)	NADP(M)	36	None
31	Network Analysis Advanced Skills Programme (NAASP)	NAASP	36	None
32	Cyber Operator Course	Operator Class A / Skilled	36	None

⁸ Includes the Army Language Scholarship Scheme and any Language training exceeding 12 months duration.

⁹ A Professional award is any NATO SLP profile aggregating between 9 and 12 points, with not less than 6 SLP points for either speaking and listening together or listening and reading together. An Expert award requires a minimum of 13 SLP points, with no skill lower than SLP2. The RoS is to run from the first qualifying award.

¹⁰ Qualification is applicable only to RAF.

Serial (a)	Training Course (b)	Trg RoS (months) (c)	Remarks (d)
Environmental Health Technician			
12	Environmental Health Technician course leading to a Foundation Degree, including class 3-1. Undertaken 2 years full time	36	RoS to commence on assignment date from course.
13	BSc (Hons) in Environmental Health. Undertaken 3 years full time.	36	RoS to commence on assignment date from course.
14	Environmental Health Technician. British Occupational Hygiene Society Certificate. Undertaken part time.	24	RoS to commence on completion of the final oral board exam / on award of the BOHS Cert Occupational Hygiene.
Environmental Health Officer			
15			
Medical/Technical Assistants/Combat Medical Technicians/Search and Rescue (SAR) Aircrew. RAF Medic			
16	Diploma and Foundation Degree in Paramedic Science. Undertaken full time.	36	RoS to commence on assignment date from course.
17	Diploma in Paramedic Science. Undertaken part time.	24	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded. ³
18	SAR 10 week Extended Immediate Emergency Care Course	24	RoS to commence on successful completion of course / qualification awarded.
19	Emergency Care Practitioner ⁴	24	RoS to commence on successful completion of course / qualification awarded.
Radiographers			
20	BSc (Hons) in diagnostic radiography. Undertaken 3 years full time.	36	RoS to commence on assignment date from course.
21	PG Cert within Radiographic Practice. Undertaken on a part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
22	PG Dip within Radiographic Practice. Undertaken on a part time pathway.	24	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
23	MSc within Radiographic Practice. Undertaken on a part time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
Operating Department Practitioner			
24	Diploma in Operating Department Practice. Undertaken 2 years full time⁵.	36	RoS to commence on assignment date from course.

³ Diploma in Paramedic Science – individuals do not register separately but rather register biennially. Note RAF do not have personnel undertaking a part time pathway course

⁴ This course is not open to the RN.

⁵ ODP training will become a 3 year full time BSc (Hons) programme from Sep 15.

Serial (a)	Training Course (b)	Trg RoS (months) (c)	Remarks (d)
Biomedical Scientist			
25	BSc (Hons) in Medical Laboratory Sciences. Undertaken 3 years part + 1 year multi-disciplinary training.	36	RoS to commence upon completion multi-disciplinary training.
26	BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science. Undertaken in 3 years part time	36	RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded.
27	BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science. Undertaken in 2 years part time.	24	RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded.
28	BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Science. Undertaken in 1 year part time.	12	RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded.
29	MSc in Biomedical Science or related subject including Clinical Microbiology, Haematology, Clinical Biochemistry, Transfusion Science and laboratory management. Undertaken 2 years part time.	24	RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded.
Pharmacy Technicians			
30	NVQ Level 3 Pharmacy Services. Undertaken 2.5 years full time.	36	RoS to commence on assignment date from course.
Medical Support Officers			
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Sports and Exercise			
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36			
Dental			
37			
38	National Diploma in Dental Nursing.	30	Training RoS to commence upon completion of National Qualification

⁶ Consecutive RoS will commence when all other RoS is completed and will not run at the same time/concurrently.

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			in Dental Nursing. Note not at point of GDC registration.
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QARNNS, QARANC, PMRAFNS			
41	Student Nurse training leading to registration in Adult and Mental Health Nursing. Undertaken full time over 3 years.	36	Training RoS to commence on assignment date from course.
42	Distance learning course. Undertaken over 6 months.	18	RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded/course completed.
43	All courses leading to a Specialist Qualification. Undertaken as either a full or part time.	36	Trg RoS to commence on assignment date from course for full time students. For PT students RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded.
44	Any Diploma, BSc, or PG course other than specialist training. Undertaken on a part time pathway over 6 months in length.	18	RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded.
45	Any Diploma, BSc, or PG course other than specialist training. Undertaken on a full time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on assignment date from course.
46	Defence Nursing Studies Degree. Undertaken on a part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date of qualification awarded.
Physiotherapy and Pharmacy Officers			
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48			
All DMS personnel undertaking Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) unless individually covered Above.			
49	Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education/ Higher National Certificates. Undertaken full time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on date of assignment from course.
50	Level 4 Certificate of Higher Education/ Higher National Certificates. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
51	Level 5 Diplomas of HE, Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas. Undertaken full time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on date of assignment from course.
52	Level 5 Diplomas of HE, Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.

Serial (a)	Training Course (b)	Trg RoS (months) (c)	Remarks (d)
53	Level 6 Bachelors degrees, Bachelor degree with Hons, Graduate certificates and diplomas, Post Graduate Certificate in Education. Undertaken full time pathway.	36	ROS to commence on Date of assignment from course.
54	Level 6 Bachelors Degrees, Bachelor Degree with Hons, Graduate Certificates and Diplomas, Professional Graduate Certificate in Education. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
55	Level 7 Masters Degrees, Integrated Masters Degrees, Post Graduate Certificates, Post Graduate Diplomas. Undertaken full time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on date of assignment from course.
56	Level 7 Masters Degrees, Integrated Masters Degrees, Post Graduate Certificates, Post Graduate Diplomas. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
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All DMS personnel undertaking NQF OR QCF qualifications unless individually covered Above.			
59	Level 4 Certificates of Higher Education, BTEC Professional Diplomas Certificates and awards, NVQ at level 4. Undertaken full time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on date of assignment from course.
60	Level 4 Certificates of Higher Education, BTEC Professional Diplomas Certificates and awards, NVQ at level 4. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
61	Level 5 HNCs and HNDs, Other Higher Diplomas, BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and awards, NVQ level 5. Undertaken full time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on date of assignment from course.
62	Level 5 HNCs and HNDs, Other Higher Diplomas, BTEC Professional Diplomas, Certificates and awards, NVQ level 5. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
63	Level 6 National Diploma in Professional Production Skills, BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and awards. Undertaken full time pathway.	36	RoS to commence on date of assignment from course.
64	Level 6 National Diploma in Professional Production Skills, BTEC Advanced Professional Diplomas, Certificates and awards. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
65	Level 7 Diploma in Translation, BTEC Advanced Professional Diploma Certificates and awards Undertaken full time pathway.	36	ROS to commence on Date of assignment from course

Serial (a)	Training Course (b)	Trg RoS (months) (c)	Remarks (d)
66	Level 7 Diploma in Translation, BTEC Advanced Professional Diploma Certificates and awards. Undertaken part time pathway.	18	RoS to commence on date qualification awarded.
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Serial (a)	Arm/ Service (b)	Course (c)	Trg RoS (Months) (d)
1.	All Arms	Application Specialist	24
2.	RA	Gunnery Careers Course	36
3.	RA	Instructor In Gunner Course	36
4.	RE	ME (Fabricator) 2-1	18
5.	RE	ME (Plant Operator Mechanic) 2-1	18
6.	RE	ME (H&P) 2-1	18
7.	RE	RM Carpenter & Joiner Upgrade	24
8.	RE	ME (B&C) 2-1	18
9.	RE	ME (B&SF) 2-1	18
10.	RE	ME (C&J) 2-1	18
11.	RE	ME (Elec) 2-1	18
12.	RE	ME (Welder) 2-1	18
13.	RE	ME (Ftr Eqpt) 2-1	18
14.	RE	ME (Des Dtmn) 2-1	18
15.	RE	ME (Svy Engr) 2-1	18
16.	RE	ME (Ftr U&P) 2-1	24
17.	RE	ME (CMT) 2-1	24
18.	RE	ME (Dtmn E&M) 2-1	24
19.	RE	ME (Ftr Mach) 2-1	18
20.	RE	Military Plant Foreman	36
21.	RE	Clerk of Works (Construction)	36
22.	RE	Clerk of Works (Electrical)	36
23.	RE	Clerk of Works (Mechanical)	36
24.	RE	Professional Engineer Training (Elec & Mech)	36
25.	RE	Professional Engineer Training (Civil)	36
26.	RE	ME Geographical 2-1	24
27.	RE	Army Survey Course	36
28.	RLC	RLC Bricklayer and Concreter Course	18
29.	RLC	Logistic Food Services Officers Course	24
30.	RLC	Ammunition Technical Officer (ATO)	24
31.	RLC	Advanced Manual Techniques	24
32.	R SIGNALS	CISM	36
33.	R SIGNALS	FOFS	36
34.	R SIGNALS	YOFS	36
35.	R SIGNALS	YofS(EW)	36
36.	R SIGNALS	Instl Tech CI 1	24
37.	R SIGNALS	EW Sys Op CI 1	24
38.	R SIGNALS	Comms Sys Op CI 1	18
39.	R SIGNALS	R SIGNALS Elec CI 1	18
40.	R SIGNALS	Special Communications Course	24
41.	R SIGNALS	Foreman of Signals (Information Systems) Course – Foundation Degree	36
42.	R SIGNALS	Comm Sys-Engr CI 1 – Foundation Degree	24
43.	ARMY AVN	Initial Conversion to Type (CTT)	72
44.	ARMY AVN	Conversion to Apache / Dauphin N3	48

Serial (a)	Arm/ Service (b)	Course (c)	Trg RoS (Months) (d)
45.	ARMY AVN	Conversion to LX/GZ/Bell 212/Wildcat	36
46.	ARMY AVN	Conversion to fixed wing from rotary	48
47.	ARMY AVN	Field Deployable Simulator Instructor (FDSI)	24
48.	ARMY AVN	Aviation Crewman Common Cse & LCR	36
49.	ARMY AVN	Aviation Crewman Instructor	36
50.	AMD RAVC	Advanced Military Equitation Course	24
51.	AMD RAVC	Intermediate Military Farrier Course	36
52.	AMD RAVC	Basic Military Farrier Course	24
53.	AMD RAVC	MSc – RAVC officers	36
54.	REME	Art Ac	36
55.	REME	Art Av	36
56.	REME	Art Elec	36
57.	REME	Art Wpns	36
58.	REME	Art Veh	36
59.	REME	Aircraft Technician Class 1	24
60.	REME	Avionics Technician Class 1	24
61.	REME	Electronics Technician Class 1	24
62.	REME	Armourer Class 1	24
63.	REME	Metalsmith Class 1	24
64.	REME	Recovery Mechanic Class 1	24
65.	REME	Vehicle Mechanic Class 1	24
66.	REME	Shipwright Class 1	24
67.	REME	Technical Support Specialist Class 1	24
68.	REME	Aircraft Technician Class 3	36
69.	REME	Avionics Technician Class 3	36
70.	REME	Electronics Technician Class 3	36
71.	REME	Armourer Class 3	36
72.	REME	Metalsmith Class 3	36
73.	REME	Recovery Mechanic Class 3	36
74.	REME	Vehicle Mechanic Class 3	36
75.	REME	Shipwright Class 3	36
76.	REME	Technical Support Specialist Class 3	36
77.	REME	Aircraft Maintenance Licence (AML) Category A	18 ⁵
78.	REME	Aircraft Maintenance Licence (AML) Category B1	36Error! Bookma rk not defined.
79.	REME	Aircraft Maintenance Licence (AML) Category B2	36Error! Bookma rk not defined.
80.	INT CORPS	Military Intelligence Linguist	36
81.	RAPTC	Physical Training Course Class 1	24
82.	CAMUS	Music Direction Course	36
83.	DINF	SASC Selection and Training Course ⁶	36

⁵ The Trg RoS is to commence from the date of issue of the AML.

⁶ This RoS applies from the date of transfer to the SASC on successful completion of the course, including RN and RAF transferees.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 3382

DEFENCE

The Army Terms of Service Regulations 2007

Made - 29th November 2007

Laid before Parliament - 3rd December 2007

Coming into force - 1st January 2008

Return of service commitment

15. (1) A person who, in consideration of—

- (a) being permitted to undergo a course of instruction of a duration of not less than 2 weeks;
 - (b) being permitted to transfer to a corps different from the one in which he was previously serving; or
 - (c) being permitted to receive any other benefit or advantage,
- consents in writing to be restricted in the exercise of any right conferred by regulation 9(1), 10(1) or 11(1), shall not have the right to determine his service or to be transferred to the reserve pursuant to those regulations before the expiration of the appropriate period which shall be specified in such consent and shall begin with the date on which he completes such course of instruction or such transfer takes effect or such other date as is specified in such consent.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1) "the appropriate period" shall be—

- (a) in relation to permission to undergo a course of instruction the duration of which is not more than 3 months, a period of not more than 1 year;
- (b) in relation to permission to undergo a course of instruction of longer duration, a period of not more than 6 years;
- (c) in relation to permission to transfer to another corps, a period of not more than 4 years; and
- (d) in relation to the receipt of any other benefit or advantage, a period of not more than 6 years.

(3) Any consent given under paragraph (1) by a person at a time when he had not attained the age of 17 years 6 months may be revoked by notice in writing given by that person to his commanding officer not more than 28 days after he attains the age of 18.

(4) A person who has given his consent under paragraph (1) may, if the competent military authority approve in writing, revoke that consent.

(5) A person enlisted in the regular army before the coming into force of these Regulations who had given an undertaking pursuant to any previous enactment not to determine his service before the expiration of the period specified in that undertaking, shall not have the right before the expiration of that period to be transferred to the reserve under regulation 11 or to determine his service.