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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated [REDACTED] in which you requested the following information:

Please provide figures:-

Regular RN RAF and Army other ranks (ratings) who have disclosed educational degrees.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. A review of our data holdings has been completed, and I can confirm that the MOD does hold some information within the scope of your request; this is provided in the attached Annex.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People

**Table One-Royal Navy Declaration of Educational Degree/Doctorate (Non-Officer Ranks)**

	Ranks							
Qualification	OR2	OR3	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9	Total
Doctorate or Equivalent	~	-	-	~	-	-	-	~
Hons Degree	170	20	60	20	40	10	20	330
Master's Degree	10	~	10	~	~	~	10	40
Ordinary Bachelor Degrees	100	10	40	10	20	~	~	170
Total	290	30	100	30	60	10	30	540

**Table Two-Army Declaration of Educational Degree/Doctorate (Non-Officer Ranks)**

	Ranks							
Qualification	OR2	OR3	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9	Total
Doctorate or Equivalent	~	-	~	-	-	-	-	~
Hons Degree	330	200	100	60	50	50	30	810
Master's Degree	60	40	30	10	10	10	~	160
Ordinary Bachelor Degrees	280	150	80	20	20	30	10	590
Total	670	380	210	90	70	90	50	1560

**Table Three-Royal Air Force Declaration of Educational Degree/Doctorate (Non-Officer Ranks)**

	Ranks							
Qualification	OR2	OR3	OR4	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9	Total
Hons Degree	390	-	120	50	30	-	10	600
Master's Degree	30	-	10	10	~	-	20	60
Ordinary Bachelor Degrees	270	~	80	20	20	-	10	390
Total	690	~	210	80	50	-	30	1060

Notes

- 1) Data provided is based on NATO Rank Codes

Other Ranks				
OR-9	Warrant Officer Class 1	Warrant Officer Class 1	Warrant Officer Class 1	Warrant Officer
OR-8	Warrant Officer Class 2	Warrant Officer Class 2	Warrant Officer Class 2	-
OR-7	Chief Petty Officer	Colour Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Flight Sergeant/ Chief Technician
OR-6	Petty Officer	Sergeant	Sergeant	Sergeant
OR-4	Leading Rate	Corporal	Corporal	Corporal
OR-3	-	Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal
OR-2	Able Rating	Marine	Private (Classes 1 to 3)	Junior Technician/ Leading Aircraftman/ Senior Aircraftman
OR-1	-	-	Private (Class 4)/Junior	Aircraftman

- 2) The figures are not a distinct count of personnel; there are some Service personnel that hold more than one degree in different subjects, similarly there are personnel who have recorded different levels of a degree for the same subject (e.g. a Bachelor and/or Masters and/or Hons) and therefore the count is of degrees held and some personnel will be represented more than once in the data.
- 3) Rounding has been applied to the figures to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 being rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zeros are denoted by -. The Totals and Sub-totals have also been rounded separately and therefore they may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.
- 4) Armed Forces personnel are under no obligation to declare educational qualifications and information provided would simply be those individuals who have chosen to declare. We cannot therefore guarantee any data provided would be an accurate reflection of academic achievement.