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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 28 April in which you requested the following information:

1. What percentage of candidates are accepted as a) regulars and b) officers into the Royal Navy?
2. What percentage of candidates are accepted as a) regulars and b) officers into the RAF?

i.e. the percentage of applicants passing selection.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. Following a search of our records, I can confirm that the MOD does hold information relating to your questions.

Please see the table below for the Royal Navy (RN) input for this FOI request, which includes figures for the Royal Marines (RM). Please note that the most recent figures available for the RN/RM are 2014/15.

RN/RM	Applicants in 2014/15	Entrants in 2014/15	Percentage of successful applicants
Officers	3060	390	13%
Other Ranks	10520	2590	25%

The following table contains the Royal Air Force's (RAF) input to this FOI request. Please note that the most recent figures available for the RAF are 2013/14.

RAF	Applicants in 2013/14	Entrants from applications submitted during 2013/14 *	Percentage of successful applicants
Officers **	8120	370	4.5%
Other Ranks	16260	1740	11%

* Applicants that submitted an application during 2013/14 that successfully became an entrant at any point following their application, this may not necessarily have been within the same reporting year. This is due to length of time it can take to complete the application process for both Airmen and Officers.

** Due to the length of time an Officer application can take to process there may be individuals who have made an Officer application during reporting year 2013/14 that are still in the system and have not yet reached intake.

Please note - In accordance with Defence Statistics rounding policy all numbers have been rounded; therefore totals may not equal the sum of their parts. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 10 with numbers ending in 5 rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to avoid systemic bias.

I hope that this information will be helpful to you.

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,

(Original Signed)
Defence People Secretariat