



Ministry
of Defence

Defence Business Services



Ref: FOI2015/01434

E-mail: [Redacted]



Email: [Redacted]

26 February 2015

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2015 to the Ministry of Defence requesting the following information:

*“How many ACSM 1994 and ACSM 2011 have been issued.
How many campaign medals issued by the British government has had a still serving condition attached to the qualifying criteria.”*

As requested 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 and is included below.

Award	Number of Awards Issued (As at 11 February 2015)
ACSM 1994 (and clasps)	50,548
ACSM 2011 (and clasps)	10,280

In order to respond to your second question, I have assumed that by ‘still serving condition’ you mean that an individual must have been serving in the Armed Forces on a specific date to be eligible for an award. In this regard, I can confirm that there is one campaign medal issued by the British Government for a specific campaign that requires a Service person to have been in the Armed Forces on a specific date. This was the Gulf Medal 1990-91 with Clasp “2 August 1990”, which was awarded to personnel within the Kuwait Liaison Team who were taken hostage on the 2 August 1990. It should be noted that there is also a later period of eligibility from the 6 January until 28 February 1991 for this award to signify war fighting for those who served in defined locations.

However, there are other medals that require individuals to have been serving on a specific date to be eligible. These include the Accumulated Campaign Service Medal 2011 (1 January 2008), which is not associated with a specific campaign; the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal (6 February 2012 and 5 years Service); the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal (6 February 2002 and 5 years Service); and the Operational Service Medal with Rosette that was awarded for Operational Service in Sierra Leone on Op BARRAS (10 September 2000) and Op MAIDENLEY (15 July 2000).

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,

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