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Thank you for your email received by the Ministry Of Defence on 7th April 2016 requesting the following information:

“Please may I request FOI details of the number of individuals who have been granted overage extensions beyond their normal retirement age in the Reserve Forces? The information should be broken down as follows:

Numbers of all overage extensions across commissioned ranks in the Reserves, (by Service I.e. RNR, The Army Reserve, The RAF Reserve and the RM Reserves) as for trg year 2014/15 and trg year 2015/16.

Numbers of those serving beyond the age of 60 in the Reserves (by Service I.e. RNR, The Army Reserve, The RAF Reserve and the RM Reserves).

The oldest serving reserve officer in each Service (by Service I.e. RNR, The Army Reserve, The RAF Reserve and the RM Reserves).”

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

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that the following information is held.

“Numbers of all overage extensions across commissioned ranks in the Reserves, (by Service i.e. RNR, The Army Reserve, The RAF Reserve and the RM Reserves) as for trg year 2014/15 and trg year 2015/16.”

Maritime Reserve

The Maritime Reserve comprises of the Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Marine Reserve. Statistics have been provided for Officers only; all Officers over the age of 55 in the Maritime Reserve will have an overage extension.

Maritime Reserve Officers over the age of 55

	01-Apr-14	01-Apr-15	01-Oct-15
Maritime Reserve	90	110	140
Royal Naval Reserve	90	110	130
Royal Marine Reserve	-	~	~

Source: Defence Statistics

1. Maritime Reserve includes mobilised volunteer reserves, High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and those volunteer reserves serving on Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) and Additional Duties Commitments (ADC).
2. Age is at last birthday.

Army Reserve (Group A)

Army Reserve (Group A) overage extentions¹ by Financial Year

	FY 2014/15 (1 Sept to 31 Mar only)^{2,3}	FY 2015/16
Total	200	370
Officer	20	50
Rank	180	320

Source: Defence Manning (Army)

1. Army Reserve (Group A) comprises volunteer reserves, High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and those volunteer reserves serving on Additional Duties Commitments (ADC).
2. Figures report overage extensions which have been authorised by Defence Manning (Army) for a period of 12 months.
3. Prior to 1 September 2014 figures for overage extensions were not centrally held.
4. FY 2014/15 figures only include Officers of the rank Major and below.

Royal Air Force Reserve and serving Royal Air Force Regular Reserve

Number of overage extensions for commissioned personnel in the Royal Air Force Reserve and serving Royal Air Force Regular Reserve as at 14th April 2016

Total	80
Additional Duties Commitment ³	10
High Readiness Reserve	~
Full Time Reserve Service ³	40
Limited Commitment ³	10
Home Commitment ³	30
Vol Ex Reg Reserve ³	10
Volunteer Reserve	20

Source: DACOS

1. Commissioned RAF Reserve and serving RAF Regular Reserve personnel includes Volunteer Reserve, Vol Ex Reg Res, High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and those volunteer reserves serving on Additional Duties Commitments (ADC).
2. Data is correct as at 14 April 2016, counts include current data only, historic data is not available.
3. Personnel who are on these contract types can serve up to the age of 65.

“Numbers of those serving beyond the age of 60 in the Reserves (by Service i.e. RNR, The Army Reserve, The RAF Reserve and the RM Reserves).”

Future Reserves 2020 Volunteer Reserve by age as at 1 October 2015

	Over 60
All Services	200
Maritime Reserve	20
Royal Naval Reserve	20
Royal Marine Reserve	-
Army Reserve (Group A) plus FTRS VR	120
RAF Reserves	50

Source: Defence Statistics

1. The FR20 Volunteer Reserve population includes mobilised volunteer reserves, High Readiness Reserves (HRR) and those volunteer reserves serving on Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS) and Additional Duties Commitments (ADC). Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS), Expeditionary Forces Institute (EFI), Sponsored Reserves and University Officer Cadets are excluded.
2. Age is at last birthday.

“The oldest serving reserve officer in each Service (by Service I.e. RNR, The Army Reserve, The RAF Reserve and the RM Reserves).”

Under Section 40 of the FOI Act (Information which is personal data whose release is governed by the Data Protection Act) we are unable to disclose the age of the oldest serving Reserve Officer.

Under Section 16 (Duty to provide advice and assistance) we have provided the age categories for the oldest serving Reserve Officer in the Future Reserves 2020 Volunteer Reserve by Service below.

Future Reserves 2020 Volunteer Reserve oldest Officer age category at 1 October 2015

60-64 Royal Naval Reserve
55-59 Royal Marine Reserve
65-69 Army Reserve
65-69 RAF Reserves

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2. Age is at last birthday.

Rounding

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, though numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

Symbols

- Zero
~ Fewer than 5

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Yours sincerely,

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