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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18 July 2016 requesting this information:

1. *'If you specialise as a Royal Marine, for instance as a heavy weapons anti-tank specialist, would you still deploy on training exercises around the globe with your commando unit you are in?'*
2. a) *What colour perception grade is needed to become a warfare specialist in the Royal Navy?*

b) *What colour perception grade is needed to become a weapons engineer or an engineer in the Royal Navy?'*

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that the information requested is held.

In answer to your first query, the Royal Marines are a 'Corps of Specialists' therefore anyone who is trained in a specialist role forms an integral part of the team and their attendance on global deployments is essential. There will obviously be occasions when only limited numbers deploy to meet capability requirements.

Regarding your second query on colour perception grades for various Royal Navy specialisations, this information is available on the internet in the Navy Book of Reference (BR)1750A (Handbook of Naval Medical Standards) which can be accessed via the following hyperlink:

http://defenceintranet.diif.r.mil.uk/libraries/corporate/Navy/FPGO/FPGO_books1/BRd_1750a/BRd_1750A_March_2013/BRd1750A%20-%20Book/ch06.pdf

Chapter 6 Para 0605 of the BR defines the five standard grades (Standard 1 being highest) of colour perception employed by the Royal Navy. In brief, as listed in the Leaflet 6-03 Annex to Chapter 6 of the BR, the required grade of colour perception for the employment specialisations requested is as follows:

- Warfare specialist (ratings) are required to achieve Standard 3.
- Weapons Engineer Mechanics are required to achieve Standard 3.
- Marine Engineer (ratings) are required to achieve Standard 4.
- Air Engineer (ratings) are required to achieve Standard 2.

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Yours sincerely,

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