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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2016, which has been considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

In your e-mail you requested the following:

1. *Could you please tell me when the upper age limit of 32 for entry as RAF Weapons System Operator was set.*
2. *What was the upper age limit for entry as RAF Weapons System Operator previously?*

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The current relevant policy document which details the upper age limit for entry as a RAF Weapons System Operator is Air Publication 3376: Edition 6 dated April 2016: Ground Trade Personnel and Non-commissioned Aircrew Terms and Conditions of Service, Volume 1 Part 2 and states that: "The upper age for civilian candidates is normally 32, and under the age of 33 years on entry to training."

The previous edition of Air Publication 3376, Edition 5 dated January 2015, states that: "The upper age is normally under the age of 26 years on entry to training."

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please

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Yours sincerely,

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