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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 July requesting the following information:

*Would it be possible to learn the percentage of Warrant Officers in the Army who successfully going on to obtain promotion to Captain and from there what percentage of Captains go on to become Majors and how long on average would that process take?*

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 the information in scope of your request is held. Some of the information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 21 (information accessible to the applicant by other means) of the FOIA.

The information you have requested on the percentage of Warrant Officers being commissioned to the rank of Captain can be found below:

The rate of Warrant Officers commissioned over a 5 year period (2010 to 2015) is 4%.

You may find it helpful to note that Warrant Officers do not get 'promoted' to Captain, they can be commissioned as Late Entry (LE) officers following selection. The commissioning rate above has been calculated using the average number of Warrant Officers who become LE Officers divided by the average strength of Warrant Officers over the same period. This figure is for trained Regular strengths only and therefore excludes Full Time Reserve Service and Gurkhas but includes those individuals who have transferred from Gurkha to Regulars.

Figures for the percentage of Captains who are promoted to Major and how long on average this takes have been published and can be accessed at the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/439337/Officer\\_LE\\_Career\\_Progressions-U.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439337/Officer_LE_Career_Progressions-U.pdf)

This data covers the periods 1 April 1999 to 30 March 2006 and is the latest information available, more recent information is not held.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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