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Dear xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2016 requesting the following information:

1. Are members of other EU militaries and reserve forces, such as officers of the French or German armed forces being invited to apply for officer commissions in the Royal Navy, British Army, or Royal Air Force?
2. How many commissions have been offered to non British, EU officers to date?
3. To which EU nations militaries does this recruitment drive apply?
4. How many officers from other EU nations does the MoD intend on recruiting and over what timescale?

This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

All candidates for entry into the Armed Forces must be British from birth, hold dual British/other nationality, or be a British National, citizen of the Irish Republic or a Commonwealth citizen. For some specialisations (e.g. Submarine service) candidates must hold British nationality only. Accordingly, there have been no invitations to members of other EU militaries to join the UK Armed Forces and there is no plan to recruit non-UK EU nationals into the Armed Forces. This policy was reviewed and unanimously agreed by the Services in 2015.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat