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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 02 August 2017 requesting the following information:

*I would be grateful if you could provide statistics regarding the RAF Flight Operations Assistant (FOA) trade.*

*Please could you provide statistics specifically regarding a male New Entrant in the FOA trade with regards to the following:*

- 1. The percentage chance of reaching further service in this trade for a male New Entrant.*
- 2. The percentage chance of promotion to further ranks and average LoS on promotion to these ranks. As previously could you also provide the percentage chance of promotion between ranks having already achieved the previous rank?*
- 3. The average length of service (Return of Service) for a male in this trade.*

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

The information you have requested can be found in the Adobe (.pdf) file attached to the email.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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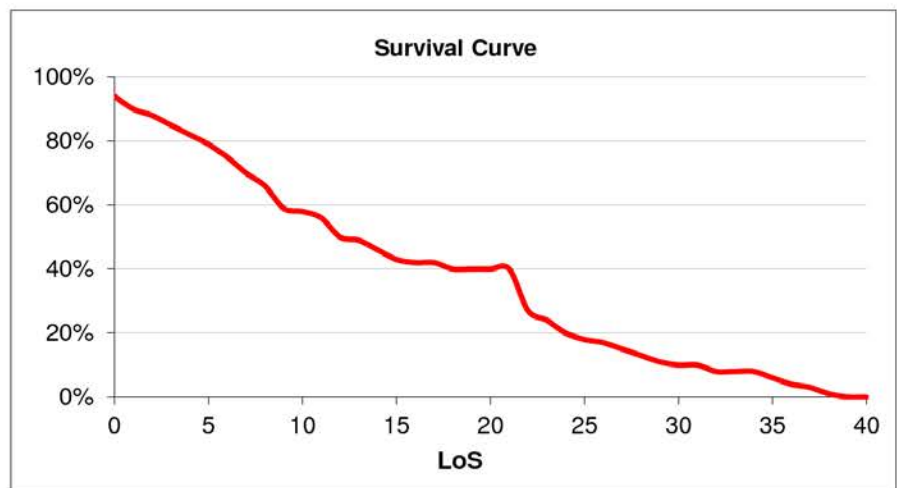
Would you like to be added to our contact list so we can consult with you if we are thinking about making any changes to the statistics we compile? Please register your interest by e-mailing [defstrat-stat-air@mod.gov.uk](mailto:defstrat-stat-air@mod.gov.uk)

# Career Projection for a male New Entrant into the Flight Operations Assistant trade

LoS <sup>1</sup>	% chance of reaching LoS
0	94%
1	90%
2	88%
3	85%
4	82%
5	79%
6	75%
7	70%
8	66%
9	59%
10	58%
11	56%
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31	10%
32	8%
33	8%
34	8%
35	6%
36	4%
37	3%
38	1%
39	0%
40	0%

	% chance of a New Entrant being promoted to subsequent ranks	% chance of promotion having already achieved the preceding rank	Average total length of service on promotion
SAC	90%	90%	1 years 2 months
CPL	61%	66%	5 years 7 months
SGT	44%	67%	9 years 3 months
FS	23%	41%	19 years 11 months
WO	14%	71%	26 years 8 months

Average return of service<sup>2</sup>: 14 years 3 months



<sup>1</sup> 'LoS x' means 'LoS greater than or equal to x but less than x+1'. So 'LoS21', for example, is the chance of personnel serving more than or equal to 21 years but less than 22 years.

<sup>2</sup> Average Return of Service is the average length of service on exit. It considers all male trained and untrained personnel within the trade and is not specific to rank or LoS.

### Notes:

- These data are based on the seven year span of actual data 2010/11 – 2016/17. By considering a cohort of individuals with the similar characteristics - **male New Entrants** into the **FOA** trade - average career projections have been calculated.
- Defence Statistics' career forecasts are not based on the actual experience of any one individual, but rather are based on the historical behaviour of individuals with similar characteristics.