

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Quarterly Pocket Brief

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Glossary

Term	Definition
Other Wastage (OW)	Includes medical, discipline, administrative, redundancy & unknown exits
Liability	Liability is known as requirement and is defined as the number of Service personnel needed, based on the Defence Planning Round.
Trained Strength	Trained Strength comprises military personnel who have completed Phase 1 and 2 training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 training includes all new entry training to provide basic military skills. Phase 2 training includes initial individual specialisation, sub-specialisation and technical training following Phase 1 training prior to joining the trained strength.
Untrained Strength	The number of service personnel who have yet to complete phase 2 training.
Gains to Trained Strength (GTS)	The number of service personnel who successfully complete phase 2 training in a particular time frame.
Voluntary Outflow (VO)	Exits from trained personnel generated by the individual before their time expiry (TX).
Time Expired (TX)	A term used to describe those in the Armed Services who reach the end of their engagement or commission and then leave.
Surplus / Deficit	The difference between liability and strength.
FTRS Regular Personnel	Full time reserve service personnel counted against the regular liability.
FTRS Non-Regular Personnel	Full time reserve service personnel not counted against the regular liability.
SUY	Senior Upper Yardman Ratings promoted to Officer after the age of 26
UY	Upper Yardman - Ratings Promoted to Officer before the age of 26
Long Term Absentee	Service personnel who have been absent for 21 or more days.
Called out Reservists	Also known as Mobilised Reservists; are Volunteer or Regular Reserves who have been called into permanent service with the Regular Forces on military operations under the powers outlined in the Reserve Forces Act

Commentary

Defence Statistics are currently holding a public consultation on the proposed reduced frequency and cessation of some Ministry of Defence (MOD) personnel statistics. We are seeking user feedback on these proposals. For further information and details outlining how to respond, please use this [link](#)

The Trained Regular strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines is 29,260 as at 1 April 2017 (table 1).

The Trained strength of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines is measured against the liability. The liability is the requirement of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines service personnel needed, based on the Defence Planning Round. On 1 April 2017 the difference between the trained strength including FTRS regulars and the liability is -2% (table 1). Further detail of how the strength of Royal Navy and Royal Marine branches compare against the liability can be found in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Monthly Personnel Situation Report.

Full-Time Reserve Service (FTRS) are personnel who fill service posts for a set period on a full-time basis. Some FTRS posts are used to backfill gapped regular posts, known as FTRS Regular, of which there are 320 personnel as of 1 April 2017 (table 1).

The impact of substantially reducing recruitment in 1993-94 is still clearly visible in the number of personnel who now have in excess of 20 years of service (charts 10 and 11).

1. Royal Navy & Royal Marine Strength Against Liability at 1 Apr 2017

	Officers		Ratings/Other Ranks		Total Strength
	RN	RM	RN	RM	
Regular Trained Strength	5,050	770	17,460	5,980	29,260
Full Time Reservists (FTRS) "Regular"	100	10	170	40	320
Liability¹	5,190	730	18,500	5,780	30,200
Surplus/(Deficit)²	(30)	50	(870)	240	(620)
Untrained Strength	930	50	1,770	530	3,280
Total Regular Trained & Untrained Strength	5,980	820	19,240	6,510	32,540

¹The latest liability for regular personnel is Planning Liability 2_16 scaled to Defence Planning Liability 2016.

²Surplus/Deficit = Trained Strength + FTRS "Regular" - Liability.

2. Trained Regular Strength by Branch at 1 Apr 2017

Royal Navy Officers		Royal Navy Ratings	
Warfare	2,490	Warfare GS	3,840
Engineer	1,540	Warfare SM	560
Logistics	520	Warfare FAA	770
Medical	320	Engineering GS	4,330
Dental	40	Engineering SM	2,090
QARNNS	80	Engineering FAA	2,680
Chaplain	60	Logistics	2,380
		Medical	660
		QARNNS	150
Total	5,050	Total	17,460
Royal Marines Officers		RM Other Ranks	
General Service	750	General Service	5,640
Band Service	10	Band Service	340
Total	770	Total	5,980
Total Officers	5,820	Total Ratings	23,440

3. Strength of FTRS and Called Out Reservists at 1 April 2017

	Male	Female	Total
Royal Navy Officers	190	30	220
FTRS "Regular"	90	20	100
FTRS "Non-Regular"	90	20	100
Called Out Reservists	10	~	20
Royal Marine Officers	20	-	20
FTRS "Regular"	10	-	10
FTRS "Non-Regular"	~	-	~
Called Out Reservists	~	-	~
Royal Navy Ratings	430	70	500
FTRS "Regular"	150	20	170
FTRS "Non-Regular"	270	50	320
Called Out Reservists	10	~	20
Royal Marine Other Rank	70	-	70
FTRS "Regular"	40	-	40
FTRS "Non-Regular"	30	-	30
Called Out Reservists	~	-	~

4. Royal Navy and Royal Marines Top Level Budget Trained Regular Strength at 1 April 2017

Top Level Budget	RN	RM	Total
Navy Command	18,820	5,440	24,270
Land Command	740	220	960
Air Command	520	30	560
Central	2,420	1,050	3,480
HOCS	500	70	570
JFC	1,480	980	2,460
DES Bespoke Trading	440	~	440
DIO	10	~	10
Total	22,520	6,750	29,260

5. Trained Regular Royal Navy and Royal Marines Accounts at 1 Apr 2017

	Trained strength at 1 April 2016	GTS 2016/17	Entrants direct to trained strength 2016/17	Trained wastage 2016/17	Trained strength at 1 April 2017
Officers	5,820	360	10	370	5,820
Ratings	23,570	1,840	90	2,050	23,440

GTS refers to Gains to Trained Strength and so does not include sideways entrants or trained FTRS 2016/17 refers to the current financial year to date.

6. Intake during 12 months ending 1 April 2017

	Royal Navy	Royal Marines	Total
Officers	410	50	470
From Civil Life	310	40	350
From Another Service	10	-	10
From Rank SUY/UY	90	20	100
From a Reserve Service	-	-	-
Ratings/Other Ranks	2,040	710	2,750
From Civil Life	2,000	700	2,690
From Another Service	40	10	50
From Long Term Absentee	~	~	~
From a Reserve Service	-	-	-

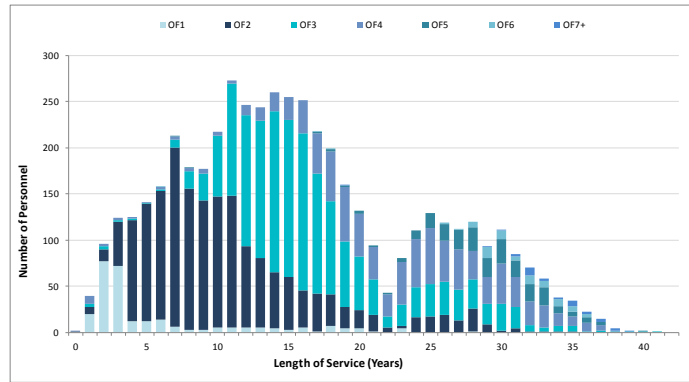
This table includes trained and untrained intake to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines

7. Trained Regular VO Rates by Branch

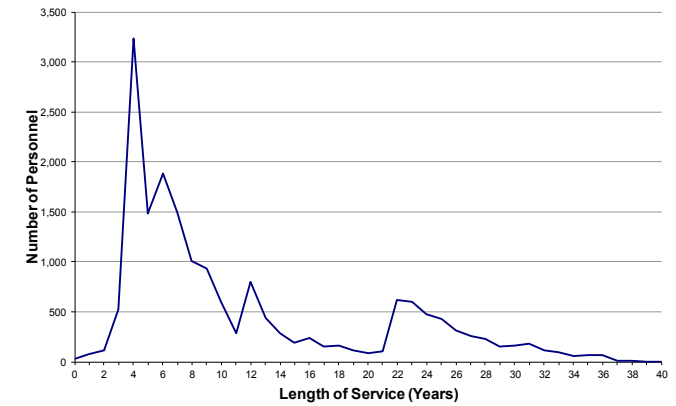
	2014/15	2015/16	12 mths to 01 Apr 17
Officers			
Warfare	4.3%	3.5%	3.9%
Engineers	4.6%	5.5%	3.6%
Logistics	3.9%	3.2%	2.1%
Medical	3.7%	4.7%	1.2%
RM GS	3.0%	4.1%	3.5%
Ratings			
Warfare GS	7.0%	5.8%	4.6%
Warfare SM	4.5%	4.2%	3.8%
Warfare AV	4.3%	5.3%	4.6%
Engineering GS	9.0%	6.1%	5.1%
Engineering SM	7.1%	4.9%	3.9%
Engineering FAA	6.0%	6.1%	6.2%
Logistics	4.2%	4.3%	3.6%
Medical	3.7%	4.8%	3.9%
RM GS	5.4%	4.6%	4.8%

This table does not include personnel who have flowed to another service

10. Trained Regular Royal Navy Officers by Paid Rank and Length of Service at 1 Apr 2017



13. Royal Navy and Royal Marine Trained Regular Voluntary Outflow Exits by Length of Service Since April 2006

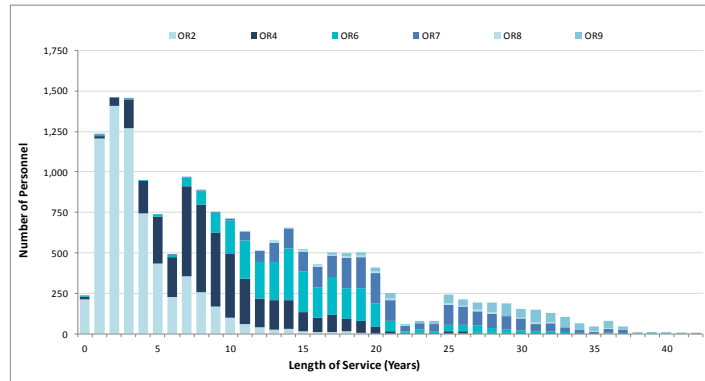


8. Trained Regular Outflows to Civil Life during the 12 months ending 01 April 2017

	Royal Navy		Royal Marines	
	Officer	Ratings	Officers	Other Ranks
Voluntary Outflow	180	3.5%	810	4.7%
Time Expired	120	2.3%	190	1.1%
Other Wastage	30	0.6%	390	2.3%
Total Exits	320	6.4%	1,390	8.0%

Other Wastage includes medical, discipline, administrative, redundancy and unknown exits

11. Trained Regular Royal Navy Ratings by Paid Rank and Length of Service at 1 Apr 2017

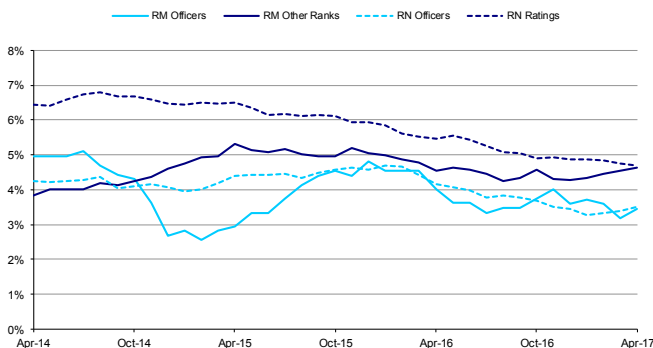


14. Total Royal Navy Regular Strength by Gender at 1 October 2016

Officers	Trained			Untrained		
	Total	Female	%Female	Total	Female	%Female
OF7+	30	-	-	-	-	-
OF6	70	~	1.4%	-	-	-
OF5	230	10	3.9%	-	-	-
OF4	910	60	7.0%	-	-	-
OF3	1,710	220	12.9%	-	-	-
OF2	1,870	280	14.9%	130	20	11.8%
OF1	230	30	14.3%	490	60	12.4%
OFD	-	-	-	320	50	14.3%
Total	5,070	600	11.9%	940	120	13.0%

Ratings	Total	Female	%Female	Total	Female	%Female
OR9	840	30	3.9%	-	-	-
OR8	180	~	0.6%	-	-	-
OR7	2,370	160	6.6%	-	-	-
OR6	3,080	320	10.6%	~	-	-
OR4	4,340	610	14.1%	40	-	-
OR2	6,540	890	13.6%	1,680	170	10.1%
Total	17,340	2,020	11.6%	1,710	170	9.9%

9. Royal Navy and Royal Marines Voluntary Outflows as % of Trained Regular Strength



12. Average Age on Promotion to Substantive Rank during the 3 years ending 01 Apr 2017

	Royal Navy	Royal Marines
Officers		
OF7	51	~
OF6	49	47
OF5	47	45
OF4	42	41
OF3	36	37
OF2	28	29
Ratings		
OR9	45	43
OR8	40	41
OR7	38	38
OR6	33	34
OR4	28	29

15. Tri-Service Strength¹ by Ethnic Origin² at 1 October 2016

UK Regular Forces	Royal Navy & Royal Marines	Army	RAF
White	31,080	75,700	31,580
Ethnic Minorities	1,130	8,630	710
Percentage Ethnic Minority	3.5%	10.2%	2.2%
Unknown	290	160	970
Total	32,500	84,490	33,270

1. UK Regular Forces comprises trained and untrained personnel and excludes Gurkhas, FTRS personnel and mobilised reservists.

2. Ethnic minority percentage figures are based on those with a known ethnic origin. Percentages are calculated from unrounded data.