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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2017 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"Please may you notify me what the levels of education are in the armed forces. Please may you format this by Service, as well as Rank (Officer/Other ranks), including levels of education such as degree, non degree, A levels, etc."*

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 all of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found in the attached tables and is broken down by rank (Officer or Other Ranks) and service. Since there are in the region of 130 values recorded on the system, only the most common values have been provided. However, if, after consideration of the table, you require the remaining values please let me know.

It should be noted that the recording of qualifications is not a mandatory field, therefore the complete accuracy of the data provided cannot be guaranteed.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. 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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Defence Business Services (Secretariat)

Assignment - NATO Rank	OF
Qualification Type	GCSE and Scottish Standards (All Grades)
<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Count of Employee Number</b>
ARMY	8390
RAF	6470
NAVY	12330
Grand Total	27190

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Assignment - NATO Rank	OF
Qualification Type	A/AS Level and Scottish Highers
<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Count of Employee Number</b>
ARMY	3470
RAF	12840
NAVY	4520
Grand Total	20840

Assignment - NATO Rank	OF
Qualification Type	Bachelors or Hons Degree
<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Count of Employee Number</b>
ARMY	7530
RAF	3090
NAVY	3120
Grand Total	13750

Assignment - NATO Rank	OF
Qualification Type	Masters Degree
<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Count of Employee Number</b>
ARMY	2115
RAF	1110
NAVY	970
Grand Total	4200

Assignment - NATO Rank	OF
Qualification Type	Doctorate or Equivalent
<b>Row Labels</b>	<b>Count of Employee Number</b>
ARMY	50
RAF	40
NAVY	30
Grand Total	120

Assignment - NATO Rank	OR
Qualification Type	GCSE and Scottish Standards (All Grades)
Row Labels	Count of Employee Number
ARMY	210840
RAF	84150
NAVY	41080
Grand Total	336080

Assignment - NATO Rank	OR
Qualification Type	A/AS Level and Scottish Highers
Row Labels	Count of Employee Number
ARMY	15290
RAF	10970
NAVY	5510
Grand Total	31765

Assignment - NATO Rank	OR
Qualification Type	Bachelors or Hons Degree
Row Labels	Count of Employee Number
ARMY	3050
RAF	1190
NAVY	620
Grand Total	4865

Assignment - NATO Rank	OR
Qualification Type	Masters Degree
Row Labels	Count of Employee Number
ARMY	390
RAF	70
NAVY	50
Grand Total	510

Assignment - NATO Rank	OR
Qualification Type	Doctorate or Equivalent
Row Labels	Count of Employee Number
ARMY	25
NAVY	~
Grand Total	25

In line with departmental policy ~ represents 5 or fewer

In line with departmental policy, values have been rounded to the nearest 5