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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 23 May in which you requested the following information:

"I wish to understand the opportunities for LE commissioning in the RAPTC. Would it be possible please to complete the following table to show the numbers of vacancies, applications, individuals boarded and the individuals successful in this process, together with the chance of success?"

<i>Royal Army Physical Training Corps (RAPTC) Late Entry Commissions</i>					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Vacancies for LE Commissions</i>					
<i>WO1 LE Applicants</i>					
<i>WO2 LE Applicants</i>					
<i>WO1 Applicants boarded</i>					
<i>WO2 Applicants boarded</i>					
<i>WO1 Applicants successfully commissioned</i>					
<i>WO2 Applicants successfully commissioned</i>					
<i>% chance of a WO1 commissioning</i>					
<i>% chance of a WO2 commissioning</i>					

Also: What is the minimum Army Medical Category, Joint Medical Employment Standard (JMES) and Medical Deployment Standard (MDS) grading required by each applicant in order to be considered for a Late Entry Commission?"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held and is below.

Royal Army Physical Training Corps (RAPTC) Late Entry (LE) Commission vacancies and the number of Warrant Officers that applied, boarded and successfully commissioned from 2013 - 2017					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>Vacancies for LE Commissions</i>	10	5	10	5	5
<i>Warrant Officer 1 (WO1) LE Applicants</i>	10	10	15	5	10
<i>Warrant Officer 2 (WO2) LE Applicants</i>	~	~	-	-	~
<i>WO1 Applicants boarded</i>	10	10	10	5	10
<i>WO2 Applicants boarded</i>	~	~	-	-	~
<i>WO1 Applicants successfully commissioned</i>	5	5	5	~	5
<i>WO2 Applicants successfully commissioned</i>	~	-	-	-	-

Notes:

- The figures are for the Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Army Reserve and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from Gurkha Trained Adult Manpower (GURTAM) to UK Trained Army Personnel (UKTAP).
- Figures have been rounded to 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
- "~" denotes fewer than 5.
- "-" denotes zero or rounded to zero.
- Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
- Please note that RAPTC personnel can only commission from Warrant Officer ranks.

Relating to your question about the percentage chance of Warrant Officer's commissioning in the RAPTC, I can confirm that the MOD holds the information. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain and can be found on page 9 (under APTC) at the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/591343/20170125-FOI_12734_12737.pdf

The minimum medical standard required for a LE commission is usually Medically Fully Deployable however there can be exceptions to this rule which would need to be presented to the Army Career Board (ACB) for approval.

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



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