

Thank you for your email of 16 August, which was clarified by e-mail on 21 August, requesting the following information:

• For each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 how many RLC Private Soldiers selected for promotion to LCpl attended the PNCO CLM Course and of those who attended how many successfully passed the course?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information is shown in Annex A to this letter.

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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk</u>). 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

YEAR	ATTENDED PNCO	PASSED PNCO
2013	540	440
2014	650	540
2015	620	540
2016	590	500

Under National Statistics rounding conventions to prevent inadvertent identification of individuals all figures are rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded up to the nearest multiple of 10 to avoid systematic bias. Figures below 5 are denoted by ~, zero is denoted by -.

Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and may not equal the sum of their rounded parts.

The 2017 promotion year is ongoing; therefore we are unable to provide these figures