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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 19 March requesting the following information:

1. **The promotion criteria for promotion from Sgt to SSgt in the QGS.**
2. **The promotion criteria for promotion from SSgt to WO2 in the QGS.**
3. **The number of QGS Sgts eligible for selection for promotion to SSgt in the years 2011 to 2018 and the number selected.**

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information you have requested is shown at Annex A.

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Yours sincerely

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Queen's Gurkha Signals**1. The promotion criteria for promotion from Sgt to SSgt in the QGS.**

The promotion criteria in QG Signals is the same as that for the R SIGNALS generally. The promotion criteria in the policy is to have a minimum of 24 months (from seniority date) in substantive Sgt rank and 10 years of reckonable service before the first day of promotion year (1 Apr – 31 Mar). The soldier must have a recommendation for promotion on the current SJAR. The policy is contained in R SIGNALS Policy Directive (PD) No 6, Ver 22.

2. The promotion criteria for promotion from SSgt to WO2 in the QGS.

The promotion criteria in QG Signals is the same as that for the R SIGNALS generally. The promotion criteria in the policy is to have a minimum of 24 months (from seniority date) in substantive SSgt rank and 16 years of reckonable service before the first day of promotion year (1 Apr – 31 Mar). The soldier must have a recommendation for promotion on the current SJAR. The policy is contained in R SIGNALS Policy Directive (PD) No 6, Ver 22.

3. The number of QGS Sgts eligible for selection for promotion to SSgt in the years 2011 to 2018 and the number selected.

Year	Eligible	Selected	Remarks
2011			Data Not Held
2012			Data Not Held
2013			Data Not Held
2014	20	10	
2015	15	10	
2016	30	10	
2017	30	10	
2018	30	~	

Rounding: The data have been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.

“~” fewer than 5.

“-” denotes zero