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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 27 December in which you requested the following information:

I was requesting information on the fully outlined process for applying and obtaining the medical student bursary?

Also, whether or not a current reservist soldier who's been accepted for the student bursary would be able to stay within the army reserves as a combat medic while doing his medicine degree before he has to go commission or would he have to leave as soon as he takes the "golden-handshake"?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and provided below.

An applicant must register on-line with the National Recruiting Centre in the first instance. After satisfying the initial medical and administrative requirements the applicant is then able to submit a CV which will be forwarded to the Army Medical Services for approval. If approved, the applicant is invited to attend an Officer Familiarisation Visit at Camberley where they can learn more about the Army Medical Services, and ask any questions they may have. Applicants will be informed of any implications and benefits that joining the Army as a doctor is likely to have on their medical career in order to make an informed decision before continuing. Applicants are required to pass an Army Officer Selection Board at Westbury and to attend a final interview with the Royal Army Medical Corps Arms Selection Board which awards bursaries to successful candidates.

Medical student bursars are able to continue to serve in the Army Reserve until they complete medical training and have become qualified doctors.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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