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Dear [REDACTED],

Further to our email dated 20th May 2020, I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in which you requested the following information:

“Would it be possible to be given the number of applicants to nuclear apprenticeships such as the Navy Nuclear Undergraduate Apprenticeship Scheme (NUGAS) and Atomic Weapons Establishment Future Careers Apprenticeship program broken down by month /year over the last 5 years.”

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that some information within scope of your request is held. We are able to provide a partial response and this is set out in the table below.

Royal Navy Nuclear Undergraduate Apprenticeship Scheme (NUGAS)

Year	No. of applicants
2015/16	69
2016/17	216
2017/18	189
2018/19	191
2019/20	193

Nuclear Degree Apprenticeship – Atomic Weapons Establishment

Year	No. of applicants
2018/2019	90
2019/2020	41

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that no information is held for applications to the Nuclear Degree Apprenticeships scheme prior to 2018, as there is a retention policy in place to ensure such applications are destroyed after 2 years.

Please accept this information as a partial response to your request. As a consequence of the coronavirus the MOD has needed to make necessary changes to ways of working and this means that we have been unable locate information relating to the Defence, Equipment & Support and Submarine Delivery Agency's Degree Apprenticeships scheme, and it is considered this is also

within scope. We will continue to process your request and shall endeavour to provide you with further relevant information identified, however, I hope you will understand that due to the circumstances we are unable to provide a definitive date when this will be achieved.

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 CIOFOI-IR@mod.gov.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,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat