

FOI_09916_Trade Trained Regular Army Average Length of Service from Private (Pte) on Promotion in the Trade RLC Petroleum Operator During Financial Years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

Question: What is the average length of service on promotion to each rank in the trade RLC Petroleum Operator.

Table 1: Average Length of Service on Promotion from Pte in RLC Petroleum Operator by Rank over Financial Years 2017-2020

Rank	Average Length of Service to progress to given rank from Pte during Financial Years 2017-2020
LCpl	6 Years 6 Months
Cpl	11 Years 7 Months
Sgt	12 Years 8 Months
SSgt	14 Years 10 Months
WO2	17 Years 11 Months
WO1	23 Years 1 Months

Source: Analysis (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

1. These figures are for Trade Trained Regular Army with a 'Main Trade for Pay' of Petroleum Operator in the Royal Logistics Corps only.
2. Length of Service is calculated as full months completed on promotion from entry.
3. There is a small population of people who were promoted to the same rank twice during this time period. Only their first promotion has been included in the figures.
4. Length of service has been calculated using entry date. There are known problems with the entry date information extracted from JPA which is supposed to reflect their 'current entry date' but if personnel have transferred to the Army from another Service, served under an alternative assignment type (e.g. reserve forces), are re-entrants, their entry date may correspond to any of these events. The resulting LoS may reflect their current period of service, include previous service, or it may be the time that has elapsed since they first joined the Armed Forces, irrespective of any break in service.
5. These figures will not match published RLC personnel statistics.
6. Caution should be exercised with regards to interpretation of these statistics. Some of these populations are very small such as WO1 promotions which had less than 5 personnel during this time period. Therefore the averages may be volatile and susceptible to fluctuations. They are constructed from behaviour for Army personnel covering a number of contracts/ engagements. They form a statistical average for the Army and do not relate to the terms and conditions associated with any particular contract.
7. Average LoS is calculated as a Mean.

Explanation of how figures were obtained so that they can be recreated.