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Dear 

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 January, requesting the following details:

- How many Soldiers have been considered for Conditional conversion (through the Conditional Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?
- How many Soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion (through the Conditional Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?
- What were the ranks of the above Soldiers?
- How many Soldiers have been considered for Automatic conversion (through the Automatic Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?
- How many Soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion (through the Automatic Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?
- What were the ranks of the above Soldiers?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). The information is not held in the format requested for all Corps and Regiments. Please note that the Royal Army Physical Training Corps do not utilise the Versatile Engagement and Army Medical Services do not hold the information. In addition, some Corps do not hold separate information for Conditional and Automatic conversion. The information is provided at Annex A to this letter.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

Acting Civil Secretary

Annex A - Conversion from VEng (Short) to VEng (Full) in 2019

	Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	Royal Logistics Corps	Infantry	Royal Armoured Corps	Royal Artillery
1. How many Soldiers have been considered for Conditional conversion (through the Conditional Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	30	150	360	50	Not held
2. How many Soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion (through the Conditional Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	30	110	220	10	80
3. What were the ranks of the above Soldiers?	Craftsman Lance Corporal Corporal	Private Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal	Lance Bombardier
4. How many Soldiers have been considered for Automatic conversion (through the Automatic Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	230	220	210	110	Not held
5. How many Soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion (through the Automatic Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	230	160	310	80	100
6. What were the ranks of the above Soldiers?	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant	Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	Lance Corporal Corporal	Corporal	Bombardier Sergeant

	Army Air Corps	Royal Engineers	Intelligence Corps	Royal Signals & QG Signals	Adjutant General's Corps	Corps of Army Music (CAMUS)
1. How many Soldiers have been considered for Conditional conversion (through the Conditional Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	10	-	Not held	Not held	Not held	20
2. How many Soldiers have been successful for Conditional conversion (through the Conditional Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	10	-	Not held	Blank	Not held	20
3. What were the ranks of the above Soldiers?	Airtrooper Lance Corporal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Musician Lance Corporal Corporal
4. How many Soldiers have been considered for Automatic conversion (through the Automatic Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	20	Not held	Not held	Not held	Not held	20
5. How many Soldiers have been successful for Automatic conversion (through the Automatic Selection Process) between a VENG(Short) and a VENG(Full) by capbadge in 2019?	20	410	140	420	140	20
6. What were the ranks of the above Soldiers?	Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer Class 2	Corporal Sergeant	Signaller Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant Warrant Officer Class 2	Private Lance Corporal Corporal Sergeant Staff Sergeant	Lance Corporal

Royal Engineers conversions are Automatic

Adjutant General's Corps and Royal Signals show the number successful in both Conditional and Automatic selection

Note. 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.