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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email received by the Ministry of Defence on 24/12/2020 requesting the following information:

“The number of uniformed service photographers by service and rating/rank:

- 1. The number engaged principally with technical/specialized photography**
- 2. The number engaged principally with public-relations photography.**
- 3. The number engaged equally with both”**

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. We have been able to provide information regarding the number of uniformed service photographers by service and NATO rank, however we cannot provide information regarding the number of specialised photographers. This information is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act and is therefore being withheld, figures have been rounded to prevent disclosure of personal information.

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 CIO-FOI-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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Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering **Military Personnel** and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing Analysis-Tri-Service@mod.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Number of UK Regular Photographers by Service and NATO Rank as at 1 October 2020

All Services	200
OR-1	~
OR-2	50
OR-3	~
OR-4	80
OR-6	40
OR-7	20
OR-8	~
OR-9	~
RN/RM	40
OR-1	-
OR-2	-
OR-3	-
OR-4	20
OR-6	10
OR-7	~
OR-8	-
OR-9	~
Army	50
OR-1	-
OR-2	-
OR-3	~
OR-4	20
OR-6	10
OR-7	10
OR-8	~
OR-9	~
RAF	110
OR-1	~
OR-2	50
OR-3	-
OR-4	30
OR-6	20
OR-7	~
OR-8	-
OR-9	~

1. UK Regulars are full-time Service personnel, including Nursing Services, excluding FTRS personnel, Gurkhas, mobilised Reservists, Military Provost Guarding Service (MPGS), Locally Engaged Personnel (LEP), and Non Regular Permanent Service (NRPS).

2. Figures contain both trained and untrained UK Regular Personnel
3. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, though numbers ending in a "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent the systematic bias caused by always rounding numbers upwards.
For example; a value of '25' would be rounded down to '20' and a value of '15' would be rounded up to '20'.
Additionally, totals and sub-totals are rounded separately and so may not equal the sums of their rounded parts.

Symbols:

- zero
- ~ 5 or fewer