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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 05 May in which you requested the following information:

- "1) A table displaying the current (2021) Army Manning requirements (Officer) for the following Corps: RE, REME, R.Signals, RLC, AGC (RMP) and the AGC (SPS).*
- 2) A table displaying the Army Manning requirements (Officer) VS the places filled over the last 5 years for the following Corps: RE, REME, R.Signals, RLC, AGC (RMP) and the AGC (SPS).*
- 3) A definition/ policy which defines what constitutes a Technical Corps within the Army."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is in the table below. I apologise that it has taken slightly longer to reply than it would normally have done, but hope you will understand this is because of the unusual circumstances in which we are currently working.

In response to last part of your request, please see below what constitutes a technical corps:

Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme students will normally study degrees preparing them for service in one of the technical Corps and specialisations as follows:

- RE: Civil, mechanical, electrical and electronic and systems engineering, and geographical information management.
- R Signals: Electronic systems, computer systems, software and electrical engineering, command, control and communications information and information systems management.
- REME: Aeromechanical, electrical, electronic and mechanical engineering.
- RLC: Logistics and business management, applied science, electrical, mechanical and software engineering, information systems management.

Arm/Service												
Corps of Royal Engineers		Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers		Corps of Royal Signals		Royal Logistics Corps		Adjutant General's Corps (Royal Military Police)		Adjutant General's Corps (Staff and Personnel Support)		
Financial Year	Strength	Workforce Requirement	Strength	Workforce Requirement	Strength	Workforce Requirement	Strength	Workforce Requirement	Strength	Workforce Requirement	Strength	Workforce Requirement
2016/17	1,061	1,117	707	768	809	870	1,314	1,233	192	216	403	416
2017/18	1,081	1,117	696	768	808	870	1,271	1,233	185	216	398	416
2018/19	1,094	1,117	696	768	811	870	1,263	1,233	188	216	411	416
2019/20	1,098	1,117	711	768	832	870	1,248	1,233	197	216	408	416
2020/21	1,120	1,117	713	768	839	870	1,238	1,233	190	216	401	416
Source: Analysis (Army)												
Source: Army Manpower Liability 15												

Notes/Caveats to the table:

1. The Workforce Requirements are provided by the Army Workforce Plans Team and are not owned by Defence Statistics.
2. The figures are for the Trade Trained Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service, Mobilised Reserves, Army Reserve and all other Reserves, but includes those personnel that have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.

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Yours sincerely,

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