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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 07 September in which you requested the following information:

"I would like to make a FOI request pertaining to the nationality of regular service people within the British Army. Specifically, what are the nationalities of active service people within the army (British, Irish, specific Commonwealth countries, etc.)? Further, what is the breakdown of nationalities for commissioned officers as opposed to soldiers and NCOs (separately)?"

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 attached.

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

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Table 1. Nationality of Trade Trained Regular Army Officers, NCOs and Privates as at 1 April 2021

	Total	Officers	Other Ranks	
		Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	Privates
Total	73,450	12,200	42,480	18,760
British and British Overseas Territories	68,880	12,080	40,250	16,560
Irish	390	80	180	140
Commonwealth	3,610	40	1,570	2,000
Australian	20	10	10	~
Bangladeshi	10	-	~	10
Barbadian	10	-	~	~
Belizean	30	-	20	10
Botswanan	10	-	~	~
Cameroonian	40	-	10	30
Canadian	10	~	10	~
Citizen of Fiji	1,640	~	800	830
Citizen of Seychelles	~	-	~	-
Citizen of Sri Lanka	~	-	~	-
Cypriot	~	~	-	-
Dominican	20	-	10	10
Gambian	30	-	20	10
Ghanaian	380	-	120	270
Grenadian	100	-	40	60
Guyanese	~	-	~	~
Indian	50	~	20	30
Jamaican	100	~	60	40
Kenyan	60	-	30	30
Malawian	120	-	30	100
Maltese	~	-	~	-
Mauritian	20	-	10	~
Namibian	~	-	-	~
New Zealander	20	~	10	-
Nigerian	60	-	20	40
Pakistani	10	-	~	~
Rwandan	~	-	~	~
Samoan	~	-	-	~
Sierra Leonean	~	-	-	~
South African	150	10	120	30
St Lucian	250	-	50	200
Swazi	~	-	~	~
Tanzanian	10	-	~	~
Tongan	~	-	~	~
Trinidad and Tobago citizen	20	-	10	10
Ugandan	10	-	10	10
Vincentian	360	-	100	260
Zambian	10	-	10	~
Zimbabwean	30	~	30	~
Nepalese	570	10	490	70

Source: Analysis (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

1. The figures are for the 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.
2. Nationality is that currently recorded and not necessarily the same as at birth or when recruited.
3. Under the British Overseas Territories Act 2002, British Dependent Territories were retitled British Overseas Territories, hence Gibraltar, Ascension Islands, St Helena and Montserrat are now included in the Total British and British Overseas Territories figures.
4. Prior to 1980 Zimbabwe was known as Rhodesia. Rhodesia was not a member of the Commonwealth. Zimbabwe was suspended from the Councils of the Commonwealth in February 2002. Zimbabwe withdrew from the Commonwealth on 7 December 2003 after the suspension was renewed at the Commonwealth Leaders' meeting. An Act of Parliament

is required to affect the status of its citizens if a country withdraws from the Commonwealth. For the purpose of this information Zimbabwe is included in Commonwealth.

5. Fiji's suspension from the Commonwealth was lifted on 26th September 2014.
6. On October 2nd 2013 Gambia announced its withdrawal from the Commonwealth. An Act of Parliament is required to affect the status of its citizens if a country withdraws from the Commonwealth. For the purpose of this information Gambia is included in Commonwealth.
7. Nepalese includes personnel who have transferred from GURTAM to UKTAP.
8. Figures have been rounded to 10 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality; numbers ending in "5" have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.
9. Totals and sub-totals have been rounded separately and so may not appear to be the sum of their parts.
10. "-" denotes zero.
11. "~" denotes 5 or fewer.