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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 December 2022 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

- "1) what qualifications do you require your MAs to hold in order to fulfill the job specification.*
- 2) what checks regarding qualifications and registration do you conduct prior to employment"*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the MOD and I can confirm all the information in scope of your request is held.

Medical Advisors (MAs) are required to hold a valid licence to practice medicine in the UK with registration with the General Medical Council (GMC) and a current re-validation certificate is also required. They must hold a Level 5 Medical qualification and be authorised to practice medicine.

The information is checked when attending an interview. Candidates are required to bring proof of qualifications, their GMC membership and re-validation certificate as well as photographic identification.

If you have any query 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](mailto: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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Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Information Commissioner.

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