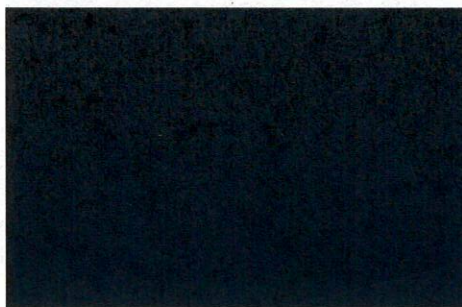




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Dear ,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 August 2020 in which you requested the following information:

'For the last 7 years, could you please provide me with the following information on individuals applying to join the Royal Marines:

1. The Potential Royal Marine Course (PRMC):
  - The average success rate (%), please include all those who pass the PRMC at a second or third attempt.
  - The percentage who complete the PRMC and then go on to start training at CTCRM Lympstone
2. The RM Commando Basic training course at CTCRM Lympstone:
  - The average success rate (%), please include all those who complete training even if back coursed due to performance or medical reasons whilst under training.
  - The percentage who voluntarily withdraw from training
  - The percentage who fail to complete the course due to performance issues'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm information in scope of your request is held by the Department.

In response to part one of your request, the average success rate for the Potential Royal Marine Course (PRMC) for the period April 2013 to March 2020 is 63 percent. The

information to identify the number of applicants who pass PRMC and continue on to training is not held in a format which would enable us to extract the relevant data.

In response to part two of your request, the average success rate for individuals who completed training, including those who may have been back coursed due to performance or medical reasons while under training, in the period September 2013 to August 2020 is 52 percent. This figure is inclusive of the Recruit Orientation Phase (ROP).

The percentage of individuals who voluntarily withdrew from training in the period September 2013 to August 2020 is 34 percent inclusive of the ROP.

The percentage of individuals who failed to complete the RM Commando Basic Training Course due to performance issues in the period September 2013 to August 2020 is 33 percent inclusive of the ROP.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, the following link to the Royal Navy website explains the current changes of attendance at the PRMC due to the COVID-19 pandemic which may be of some use to you.

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/covid19>

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](mailto: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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