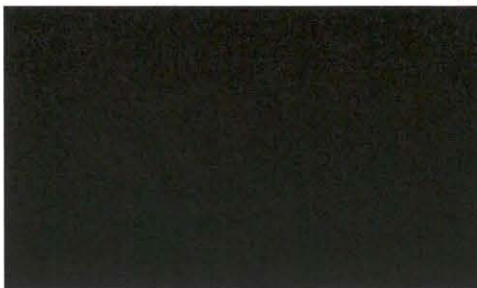




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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 March 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'Could you please provide the following information for Marines Commando basic training course at CTCRM Lympstone:

1. Basic breakdown of the main phases of the course. It is my understanding that the course is currently broken down into the following phases. Please confirm if this is correct. If it is not, could you please provide an update:
 - Phase 1: Foundation - weeks 1, 2, 3
 - Phase 2: Individual Skills - weeks 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
 - Phase 3: Advanced Skills - weeks 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
 - Phase 4: Operations of War module - weeks 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
 - Phase 5: Commando Course: weeks 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
 - Week 32: Pass out week
2. The percentage chance of a RM recruit completing the Marines Commando basic training course at CTCRM Lympstone - from the start of each of the main phases of the course identified above.'

We received the following clarification from you on 31 March 2021 in which you confirmed you required the following information:

'I do not require the percentage chance of a recruit completing each phase of training.'

I would like to know the percentage chance of a RM recruit completing the entire Marines Commando basic training course from the start of each of the main phases of the course - even if they are re-trooped to complete the Phase again.

The reason why they withdraw from training does not matter'

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

In response to part one of your request, a breakdown of each phase of the Royal Marines (RM) Phase One training course undertaken at the Commando Training Centre RM, Lympstone can be found detailed below:

RM Phase One Basic Training:

- Recruit Orientation Phase Week 1-4
- Phase 1 Individual Skills Module –Week 1-10 Mainstream Training
- Phase 2 Team Skills Module Week 11-23
- Commando Phase Module Week 24-31
- Kings Squad Pass Out – Week 32

With regard to part two of your request, the MOD does not hold any recorded information detailing the percentage chance of a RM recruit completing the entire RM Commando basic training course from the start of each of the main phases of the course. I can however provide the overall success rate from an individual joining to passing out. I should warn you that this is an ever-changing figure, but the current ten-year success rate is 54 percent, i.e. of every 100 people who join the RM as a recruit, 54 eventually pass out.

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

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Yours sincerely

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