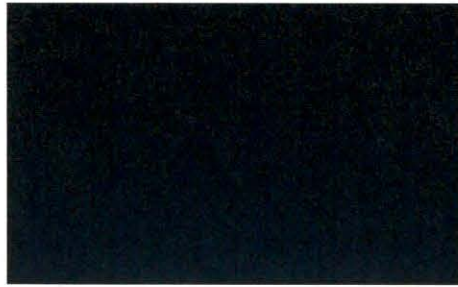




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Dear [Redacted],

Release of Information

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

“For the last 7 years, of those individuals selected to be part of the UY(AE) scheme, how many were selected for Officer training having passed the AIB?”

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

A search has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. In response to your request, I can tell you that in the last seven years, a total of thirty-seven individuals on the Upper Yardman (Air Engineering) scheme were selected for Officer training after passing the Admiralty Interview Board (AIB).

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, all Officer candidates are required to be assessed by and pass the AIB. In addition, you may also find it useful to know that all Royal Navy (RN) rating engineers achieve a Foundation degree as part of their RN training. They then have an opportunity to attend AIB as an Upper Yardman. If they pass AIB and are then subsequently selected for the UY (Engineering) Scheme, they will attend the University of Portsmouth for one year to top up the Foundation degree they already have to a Bachelor of Engineering. On completion they go to Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC) as a Direct Graduate Air Engineer, Marine Engineer or Weapons Engineer. It is automatic that if selected for the scheme they will eventually get their degree and join BRNC.

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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