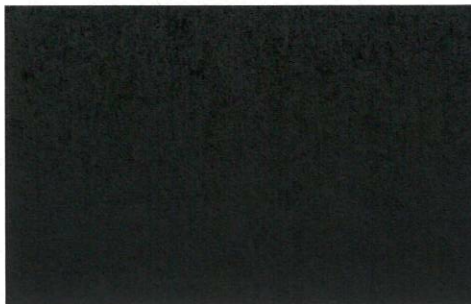




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27 May 2020

Dear [Redacted],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 28 April 2020 in which you requested the following information:

- '1) The number of applicants to the trade of Engineering Technician (weapons) in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- 2) The number of Eng Tech (Weapons) recruits entering Phase 1 Training in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- 3) The number of Eng Tech (Weapons) recruits entering Phase 2 Training in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- 4) The number of Eng Tech (Weapons) successfully completing Phase 2 Training in the years 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- 5) The number of applications to the trade of Air Engineer for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- 6) The number recruited to the trade of Air Engineer in the years 2017, 2018, and 2019;
- 7) The number entering into Phase 1 Training in the years 2017, 2018, and 2019;
- 8) The number successfully completing Phase 1 Training in the years 2017, 2018, and 2019;
- 9) The number promoted to Leading Hand (LH);
- 10) the average length of service to achieve promotion to Leading hand in the Trade of Air Engineer.'

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and can be found detailed in Annex A to this letter.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, I should advise that the responses to different questions are not directly comparable as they may include cohorts from different calendar years. For example, personnel may intake and complete phase 2 in separate calendar years and therefore it is not appropriate to determine the number of failures from the intake and completion figures.

Figures for Engineering Technician (Weapons Engineer) and Air Engineering Technician exclude personnel applying and serving under the Accelerated Apprenticeship scheme.

Please be aware the figures provided on phase 1 intake and phase 2 completion in Tables 2 and 4 of this response are obtained from a different source to that used when producing Official Statistics. Therefore, definitions may not be wholly consistent with definitions used to produce published figures on Intake and Gains to Trained Strength. This enables figures provided to be more consistent with figures on phase 1 completion and phase 2 intake, which are not obtainable from the source used to produce Official Statistics.

Please note the response to question six is incorporated into the response to question seven, personnel who are recruited as untrained to the Regular Royal Navy will be counted as entry to Phase 1 training.

If you have any queries 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.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

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

ANNEX A
to FOI2020/05028
dated 27 May 2020

Table 1. Applications to Regular Engineering Technician (Weapons Engineer) by Calendar Year:

	2017	2018	2019
Applications	1265	886	902

Source: Captain Naval Recruiting

1. Figures provided are for the number of applications in each calendar year. Please note this may differ slightly from the number of applicants as individuals can make more than one application within the same year.

Table 2. Regular Engineering Technician (Weapons Engineer) personnel entering Phase 1 Training, completing Phase 1 and entering Phase 2 by Calendar Year:

	2017	2018	2019
Entering Phase 1	125	156	230
Entering Phase 2	131	135	161
Completing Phase 2	106	108	120

Source: Flag Officer Sea Training

Table 3. Applications to Regular Air Engineer Technician by Calendar Year:

	2017	2018	2019
Applications	1039	1051	1390

Source: Captain Naval Recruiting

1. Figures provided are for the number of applications in each calendar year. Please note this may differ slightly from the number of applicants as individuals can make more than one application within the same year.

Table 4. Regular Air Engineer Technician personnel entering and completing Phase 1 Training by Calendar Year:

	2017	2018	2019
Entering Phase 1	300	302	297
Completing Phase 2	274	268	272

Source: Flag Officer Sea Training

Table 5. Number of Regular Air Engineer Technician Substantive Rank Promotions to Leading Hand (OR-4) and Average Length of Service on Promotion by Calendar Year:

	2017	2018	2019
Total	70	59	68
Length of Service	6 years 3 months	5 years 10 months	5 years 4 months

Source: Defence Statistics (Navy)

1. Average is calculated using the median.