



Ministry
of Defence



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Dear ,

Release of Information

Further to our letter of 16 April 2020 I am now able to respond in full to your request for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please search the records of International Defence Training (Royal Navy) and provide a breakdown of the number and nationality of foreign military personnel who attended the following courses in calendar year 2019:

1. Royal Marines Boarding Courses (RMBC)(Non-Compliant) from HMNB Clyde, [ref 201/1000](#);
2. Royal Marines Young Officer Courses at RM Commando Training Centre in Lympstone, [ref 071/026](#);
3. All Arms Commando courses at RM Commando Training Centre in Lympstone, [ref 071/041](#);
4. Platoon Weapons Instructor courses (PW1, PW2, Sniper) at RM Commando Training Centre in Lympstone, refs [071/020](#), [071/067](#), [071/013](#);
5. Heavy Weapons Anti-tank courses (HW2 ATK) at RM Commando Training Centre in Lympstone, [ref 071/076](#);
6. Landing Craft 1, Landing Craft 2 and Landing Craft Officers' Qualifying courses (LC1, LC2, LCOQC) at RM Tamar, refs [065/006](#), [065/007](#), [065/005](#).
7. Lastly, in respect of the All Arms Commando course, please disclose the nationality of the foreign personnel pictured in the following link and the date on which the image was taken <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/-/media/royal-navy->

responsive/documents/idt/royal-marines/rm-training/05_03_rm_all_arms_commando.pdf?la=en-gb

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

As explained in our interim response, a search was completed within the Ministry of Defence and it was confirmed that information in scope of your request is held. Please see Annex A to this letter for a table where each part of your request is addressed in order. It has though, not been possible to identify the nationality of the personnel in photograph you provided a link to or its date other than that the photo is over two years old.

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

Foreign military personal on Royal Marine Training Courses

Course	Country	Total
RM Boarding course	N/A	-
RMYOC	Nigeria	~
	UAE	~
	Oman	~
All Arms Commando Course	Philippines	~
	Bosnia	~
Platoon Weapon 1	Netherlands	~
Platoon Weapon 2	N/A	-
Platoon Weapon 3	Netherlands	~
Landing Craft 1	Netherlands	~
Landing Craft 2	Netherlands	10
Landing Craft 3	N/A	-
Heavy Weapons Anti-Tank course	N/A	N/A

1. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 in line with disclosure control policy. Figures ending in 5 are rounded to the nearest 20 to avoid bias, 5 or fewer is represented by '~', 0 is represented by '-'.
2. N/A occurs for Heavy Weapons Anti-Tank as this course is discontinued.

