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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 August 2021, in which you requested information on Hong Kong British national eligibility to join the Royal Navy (RN).

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

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

In response to your request, I can confirm that even though Government policy entitles citizens of Hong Kong to live and work in the United Kingdom (UK), unfortunately no applicant from, or in, Hong Kong will have their application processed unless they are a sole British national and passport holder. Please note that Hong Kong British nationals are not eligible to join the RN.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, for tailored advice, individuals may contact the RN recruitment team through the following link:

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/joining/get-in-contact>

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