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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 June 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from The Ministry of Defence (MOD)/Royal Navy.

Please may you provide me with:

1. Confirmation that the following document is the most current and up-to-date guidance as of the date of this letter - [https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/-/media/files/cnr-pdfs/20210201\\_eligibility-form\\_word\\_100621-update.pdf?la=en-gb&&hash=1F917EA94DFFFF26963B273C6B649A52](https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/-/media/files/cnr-pdfs/20210201_eligibility-form_word_100621-update.pdf?la=en-gb&&hash=1F917EA94DFFFF26963B273C6B649A52)

If not please provide the most recently published guidance.

2. Are the eyesight standards for the Royal Marines/Royal Marines Reserves different to the Royal Navy standards stated on page 4 of the document mentioned in 1?
3. What are the specific minimum eyesight standards used to assess Royal Marine applicants?

What elements of an opticians prescription are being assessed and what are the standards for each of these?

4. Please provide all documentation containing evidence to each of the above.'

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

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

In response to question one of your request, I can confirm that the link referenced contains the most up to date medical eligibility information.

With regard to question two in relation to Royal Marines (RM) and Royal Marines Reserves (RMR) eyesight standards, I can tell you that the standards apply equally to candidates for Royal Navy (RN) and RM roles.

In respect of questions three and four, information regarding eyesight standards for the RM can be found in the RN policy document titled "BRd 1750A Handbook of Naval Medical Standards" – Leaflet 6-01 dated March 2013, the relevant extract from this policy can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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](mailto: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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

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LEAFLET 6-01

**VISUAL ACUITY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERSONNEL ON THE ACTIVE AND RESERVE LISTS OF THE ROYAL NAVY, ROYAL MARINES AND QARNNS WHO JOINED THE SERVICE AFTER 1 JANUARY 1995**

<b>Standard I Requirements</b>	<b>Right Eye</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Left Eye</b>
Visual acuity to be achieved without correcting lenses	6/12 N5	3	3	6/12 N5
Visual acuity to be achieved with correcting lenses	6/6 N5	3/1	3/1	6/6 N5
<b>Refraction Limit</b>				
Total hypermetropia	+3.00 sphere			+3.00 sphere
Astigmatism	+1.25 cyl			+1.25 cyl
Myopia (in any meridian)	-0.75 sphere or cyl			-0.75 sphere or cyl
<b>Standard II Requirements</b>	<b>Right Eye</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Left Eye</b>
Visual acuity to be achieved without correcting lenses	6/60	7	8	6/60 or worse
Visual acuity to be achieved with correcting lenses	6/6 N5	7/1	8/2	6/9 N5
<b>Refraction Limit</b>				
Spectacle correction (in any meridian)	±6.00 sphere or cyl			±6.00 sphere or cyl
<b>Standard III Requirements</b>	<b>Right Eye</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Left Eye</b>
Visual acuity to be achieved without correcting lenses	6/60	7	8	6/60 or worse
Visual acuity to be achieved with correcting lenses	Either 6/6 N5 or 6/9 N5 or 6/12 N5	7/1 7/2 7/3	8/5 8/4 8/3	6/24 N10 6/18 N10 6/12 N10
<b>Refraction Limit</b>				
Spectacle correction (in any meridian)	±6.00 sphere or cyl			±6.00 sphere or cyl
<b>Chaplains</b>	<b>Better Eye</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Worse Eye</b>
Visual acuity to be achieved without correcting lenses	6/60 or worse	8	8	6/60 or worse
Visual acuity to be achieved with correcting lenses	Either 6/6 N5 or 6/9 N5 or 6/12 N5	8/1 8/2 8/3	8/5 8/4 8/3	6/24 N10 6/18 N10 6/12 N10
<b>Refraction Limit spectacle correction (in any meridian)</b>	±7.00 sphere or cyl			±7.00 sphere or cyl

