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Dear J A Lee,

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2021 in which you request the following information:

*“Please provide me with: -  
(1) the number of international/overseas students in the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom for Financial Year 20/21;  
(2) a breakdown by country and by faculty.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am writing to confirm that the MOD holds information on the subject you have requested.

As requested, the information has been provided for Financial Year 20/21 at Annex A. Please note that the Covid-19 pandemic and requisite restrictions have had a significant impact on the numbers of international staff attending the Defence Academy in person. Figures provided are therefore not consistent with those previously released under the FOIA. Further, with a more virtual approach being developed for some courses, certain provisions have been delivered remotely. You should also be aware that as some students attend more than one course whilst at the Defence Academy, the figures provided will therefore include instances of students being counted more than once in the figures.

A breakdown of the faculties with international students is provided below:

FACULTY	COURSE PROVIDERS
Senior	Higher Command and Staff Course, Defence Leadership School, International Section
Advanced	Advanced Command and Staff Course, Defence Engagement School (Defence Centre for Languages and Culture)
Intermediate	Intermediate Command and Staff Courses – Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force Divisions –
Technology and Business Skills	Technology School, Business Skills School

Also included in the table is the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS). This is the most senior college of the Defence Academy and does not sit under the faculties; it is therefore presented in its own column.

The Defence Academy is also responsible for delivery of the Building Integrity (UK) Programme which is run by Building Integrity UK (a MOD team), however, owing to restrictions in place at the time no

Building Integrity courses were delivered at the Defence Academy in the Financial Year 20/21. As such, those courses have not been included on this occasion.

Please note that any figures have been provided by the Defence Academy, and therefore do not constitute official statistics produced by Defence Statistics.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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,

JFD Secretariat

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE DEFENCE ACADEMY FY2020/21**

Country	Royal College Defence Studies	Faculty				Total
		Senior	Advanced	Intermediate	Tech & Bus Skills	
Afghanistan	2		20	1		23
Albania			5			5
Argentina				1		3
Armenia			2			2
Australia	1	1			8	10
Austria	1					1
Azerbaijan			1			1
Bahrain			7			7
Bangladesh	1		2	1		4
Belize	1		2			3
Bermuda				1		1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1		1			2
Botswana	1		1			2
Brazil	1				1	3
Cameroon			2			2
Canada				1	1	2
Chile	1		2		1	4
Colombia			4			4
Cyprus			2			2
Czech Republic	1		1			2
Denmark			1		5	6
Egypt	1		5			6
Estonia			2	3		5
Ethiopia			2			2
Fiji	1		1			2
Finland	1					1
France	1	1	4			6
Georgia	1		3			4
Germany	2	1	6			9
Ghana	1		3			4
Greece					2	2
Hungary			2			2
India	3		3			6
Indonesia	1					1
Iraq	1		13		1	15
Israel	2					2
Italy	1		2		2	5
Japan	2		4			6
Jordan	1		12			13
Kenya	3		3	4	1	11

Kosovo			7			7
Kuwait			4	4		8
Lebanon	1		3			4
Lithuania	1					1
Malawi			1			1
Malaysia	1		3			4
Mali			2			2
Malta			1			1
Moldova			1			1
Mongolia			2			2
Montenegro			5			5
Morocco			2			2
Nepal	1		5			6
Netherlands	2		2		3	7
New Guinea					1	1
New Zealand	1		2	1	1	4
Niger			3			3
Nigeria	4		4		3	11
North Macedonia	1		1			2
Norway	1		2		5	8
Oman			6			6
Pakistan	4		6			10
Palestine	1		3	3		7
Paraguay			1			1
Portugal					1	1
Qatar	1		14			15
Republic of Ireland		2	1		1	4
Romania	1					1
Saudi Arabia	4		16			20
Sierra Leone			1			1
Singapore			1			1
Slovakia	1			4		5
South Korea	1		2			3
Spain	1		4			5
Sri Lanka	1		2			3
Switzerland			2			2
Thailand			4			4
Tunisia			2			2
Uganda			4			4
Ukraine	1		7	4		12
United Arab Emirates	1		13		5	19
Uruguay			4	1		5
USA	2	3	2	3		10
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>412</b>