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Date: 25 May 2023
Reference: F0006225

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 27 April 2023, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

1. *How many aircraft engineers are currently licensed by the CAA?*
2. *Of these engineers, how many of these hold a current medical?*
3. *How many of the licensed engineers hold ratings on (a) fixed wing and (b) rotary aircraft types?*
4. *What is the number of CAA licenced engineers in each of the Part 66 Categories A, B, L and C?*
5. *What is the number of CAA licenced engineers in each of the Part 66 Categories B.2, B1.1 and B1.3?*
6. *What is the average age of CAA licensed aircraft engineers?*
7. *What is the average age of CAA licensed aircraft engineers who hold current medicals?*
8. *What is the gender breakdown of CAA licensed aircraft engineers (Male, Female, Prefer not to say / other)?*
9. *Could you give me a breakdown of the ethnicities of CAA licensed engineers, assuming that you hold this data?*
10. *How many CAA licensed aircraft engineers are in each of the following age groups: (a) 16-29; (b) 30-39; (c) 40-49; (d) 50-59; (e) 60-69; (f) 70+ ?*
11. *How many CAA licensed aircraft engineers are in each of the following age groups who hold current medicals: (a) 16-29; (b) 30-39; (c) 40-49; (d) 50-59; (e) 60-69; (f) 70+ ?*
12. *What is the gender breakdown of CAA licensed aircraft engineers in each of the following age groups: (a) 16-29; (b) 30-39; (c) 40-49; (d) 50-59; (e) 60-69; (f) 70+ ?*

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Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm the CAA holds some information within scope of the original request; please find attached the information being released to you.

As you can see at questions 2,7,9 and 11 these elements are marked as 'no information held'. These elements take the presumptive starting point that for the position of *Aircraft Engineer* a medical is required; it is the CAA position that a medical is not required to be a groundcrew engineer of aircraft and thus the CAA cannot hold information for medicals which are not required.

You maybe interested to know that the CAA does publish a table of undertakings; as can be seen none of these are within the last 5 years:

<https://www.caa.co.uk/media/dhbd15h2/table-of-undertakings.pdf>

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

FOI.Requests@caa.co.uk

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set out below. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
Information Rights Specialist

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original

case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;

- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.