

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000197-2021 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 28th May, 2021 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency "insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters". Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request sought:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:

- How many people have completed the Fitness Test to become a Gardai in the An Garda Síochána between 1.1.2020 and today's date? Please provide this information as an overall total, then by total males and total females, then by age bracket Under 20, Under 25, Under 30, Under 35, 36 and over.*
- How many people passed the Fitness Test to become a Gardai in the An Garda Síochána for same dates? Please provide this information as an overall total, then by total males and total females, then by age bracket Under 20, Under 25, Under 30, Under 35, 36 and over .*
- How many people failed the Fitness Test to become a Gardai in the An Garda Síochána for same dates? Please provide this information as an overall total, then by total males and total females, then by age bracket Under 20, Under 25, Under 30, Under 35, 36 and over .*
- How many people have completed the Physical Competence Test to become a Gardai in the An Garda Síochána for same dates? Please provide this information as an overall total, then by total males and total females, then by age bracket Under 20, Under 25, Under 30, Under 35, 36 and over .*
- How many people passed the Physical Competence Test to become a Gardai in the An Garda Síochána for same dates? Please provide this information as an overall total, then by total males and total females, then by age bracket Under 20, Under 25, Under 30, Under 35, 36*

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and over.

- How many people failed the Physical Competence Test to become a Garda in the An Garda Síochána for same dates? Please provide this information as an overall total, then by total males and total females, then by age bracket Under 20, Under 25, Under 30, Under 35, 36 and over .

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 24th June, 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the Garda College, Templemore who conducted a search for records containing the information you requested.

Please find tables below which set out the records sought in your request.

Fitness Tests						
		2020		2021		Total
		Female	Male	Female	Male	
Under 20 years (including 20)	Fail	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	1
	Pass	N/A	1	N/A	2	3
Under 25 years (including 25)	Fail	54	29	11	9	103
	Pass	36	66	19	33	154
Under 30 years (including 30)	Fail	23	8	3	5	39
	Pass	29	59	12	20	120
Under 35 years (including 35)	Fail	9	7	4	2	22
	Pass	9	35	5	9	58
Over 35 years	Fail	1	1	N/A	N/A	2
	Pass	1	4	N/A	3	8
Total		162	210	54	84	510
Number of tests		372		138		

PCT Tests						
		2020		2021		Total
		Female	Male	Female	Male	
Under 20 years (including 20)	Fail	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Pass	N/A	1	N/A	3	4
Under 25 years (including 25)	Fail	24	2	6	N/A	32
	Pass	55	80	17	36	188
Under 30 years (including 30)	Fail	12	N/A	5	N/A	17
	Pass	38	60	11	25	134
Under 35 years (including 35)	Fail	4	1	N/A	N/A	5
	Pass	12	36	7	10	65
Over 35 years	Fail	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
	Pass	N/A	3	N/A	3	6
Total		147	183	46	77	453
Number of tests		330		123		

Please be advised that the information provided relates to the pre entry test of which there are two component elements: Fitness Test and Physical Competency Test. It should be noted that both elements must be passed in order to qualify for entry into An Garda Síochána.

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review of the matter by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **FOI-000197-2021**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Accountant, Garda Finance Directorate, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

Account Name: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000197-2021 is included in the payment details.

You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released in to the public domain via our website at www.garda.ie

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

29 JUNE, 2021.