

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000220-2023 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated **15th June, 2023** and received on **16th June, 2023** 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:

Hello, would it be possible to get the annual salary of an officer in the service that is a firearms instructor for your armed officers. Can this include a breakdown of entitlements and what goes on top of the annual salary. I am making this request under the FIO act

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 11th July, 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Upon receipt, your request was forward to the Employee Relations Section within An Garda Síochána who have carried out a search for records sought in your request.

Rates of Garda pay and allowances are set by the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform and not by An Garda Síochána. In addition the payment of Garda salaries (including allowances) is processed by the Financial Shared Services unit of the Department of Justice.

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Furthermore annual salary depends on the rank of member and years of service.

However, in order to assist I can advise you that current Garda payscales are available at: <https://www.garda.ie/documents/PayScales.pdf>.

Therefore as records in relation to the first part of your request are not held by An Garda Síochána, I must refuse this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Section 15(1)(a) states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

I can advise that the Annual Instructor Allowance is as follows:

€7,872.70 for members who joined before April '95 ('B' PRSI)

€8,143.28 for members who joined after April '95 ('A' PRSI).

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-000220-2023**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath. C15 DR90

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-000220-2023) 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 have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

11th JULY, 2023.