

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000194-2023 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 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:

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

- *How many people completed the fitness Test to become a garda in 2022? 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 garda in 2022? 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 garda in 2022? 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 .*
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- How many people completed the physical competence test to become a garda in 2022? 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 garda in 2022? 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 physical competence test to become a garda in 2022? 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 would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

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.

<b>Fitness Tests - 520</b>				
		<b>2022</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	
Under 20 years (including 20)	Fail	6	2	8
	Pass	5	14	19
Under 25 years (including 25)	Fail	45	41	86
	Pass	36	100	136
Under 30 years (including 30)	Fail	22	21	43
	Pass	35	104	139
Under 35 years (including 35)	Fail	7	18	25
	Pass	15	48	63
Over 35 years	Fail	0	0	0
	Pass	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>171</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>520</b>

PCT Tests - 455				
		2023		Total
		Female	Male	
Under 20 years (including 20)	Fail	1	0	1
	Pass	8	15	23
Under 25 years (including 25)	Fail	12	4	16
	Pass	52	119	171
Under 30 years (including 30)	Fail	4	3	7
	Pass	44	112	156
Under 35 years (including 35)	Fail	2	2	4
	Pass	18	58	76
Over 35 years	Fail	0	0	0
	Pass	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>141</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>455</b>

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-000194-2023**.

**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-000194-2023 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

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**

15<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2023.