



Fire Services Examinations Board

REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS ON THE QUALIFYING
EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER 2004

1. The examination was set on the syllabus of study published in May 2003. This was the eighteenth occasion on which the qualifying examination for promotion to the rank of Station Officer was conducted by the Board.
2. Assessors responsible for the setting of question papers, the preparation of notes for the guidance of examiners and for the co-ordination of marking were appointed as follows:

Lead Assessor: Mr H E Wright
General Assessor (Scotland): Mr A J Early

PAPER 1	Operations	Mr S McGuirk (CFO Cheshire)
PAPER 2	Fire Safety, Education & Enforcement	Mr P Young (CFO Devon)
PAPER 3	Human Resource Management	Mr J Singh (DCFO Bedfordshire & Luton)
PAPER 4	Business Administration	Mr P Coles (DCFO North Wales)

3. Examination centres at 56 locations were arranged by the local examination boards.
4. The examination was held on Wednesday and Thursday 25 and 26 February 2004.
5. 763 candidates initially entered for the examination at the Board's closing date for entries (1 December). However, the final number of candidates entering the examination was 685 after late entries and withdrawals had both been accepted. 180 (26.3%) absented themselves from the examination. Thus, the number of candidates who attended the examination was 505. Of these, 214 attempted all four papers.
6. A total of 28 officers attended the marking session together with the Assessors, the General Assessor (Scotland), and the Lead Assessor.
7. The marking of scripts took place at Daventry from 21 – 25 March 2004.

RESULTS

8. Of the 505 candidates who attempted the examination, 226 (44.8%) were awarded a pass. Appendix B shows the cumulative results for all candidates entered.
9. 19 female candidates attempted the examination 6 of whom passed the whole examination.
10. 180 candidates were absent from the whole examination. In addition 38 candidates were absent from individual papers and under the Restriction of Entry Scheme, 11 candidates (5.0%) appealed to the Board. Under the delegated authority given to the Chairman, all appeals were individually considered and 11 (100.0%) were upheld. These candidates will have one further year to complete their examination.

TOP CANDIDATE

11. The top candidate, Firefighter Dan A Quin from Surrey County Fire & Rescue Service attained 83% in Paper 1, 82% in Paper 2, 91% in Paper 3 and 73% in Paper 4, with an overall mark of 82%.
12. The candidate in second place, Sub-Officer B G Standen from Wiltshire Fire Brigade attained 86% in Paper 1, 83% in Paper 2, 93% in Paper 3 and 59% in Paper 4, with an overall mark of 81%. In third place Leading Firefighter B J Newstead from London Fire & Civil Defence Authority attained 76% in Paper 1, 71% in Paper 2, 87% in Paper 3 and 63% in Paper 4, with an overall mark of 74%.

GENERAL COMMENTS

13. The qualifying examination for promotion to the rank of Station Officer, in which the level of knowledge and understanding of candidates on subjects considered of particular importance to those wishing to attain that rank is assessed, was the eighteenth to be held under the auspices of the Fire Services Examinations Board covering the whole of the United Kingdom.
14. 763 candidates initially entered the examination. However, the final number of candidates entering the examination was 685 after late entries and withdrawals had both been accepted. 180 (26.3%) absented themselves which, although similar in number (178) to last year, is a further disappointing increase in percentage terms from 19.7% experienced last year, leaving 505 actually attempting the examination, a decrease of 221 (30.4%) to last year's total.
15. Of the 505 who sat the examination, 226 (44.8%) were awarded a pass, 43 less than the number achieving a similar success last year, but which provided a significant percentage increase in the pass rate of 7.7%.
16. The flexible system of taking the examination enables candidates to take two, three or four papers in their first attempt. Thereafter, having passed at least one of these papers, the candidates have a further one/two years in which to obtain a pass in any remaining papers in order to pass this qualifying examination. Consequently, only 214 (42.4%) attempted all four papers, 76 (15.0%) attempted three, 158 (31.3%) attempted two, and 57 (11.3%) attempted one.
17. Having previously noted that 226 achieved a pass in all four papers, it will also be noted from the detail provided that of those who attempted the examination, 44 have now achieved passes in three papers, 95 in two, and 100 in one. Thus, there are 239 with credit passes, but 44 of these have unfortunately failed to obtain passes in all papers within the requisite period. Therefore there are 195 candidates with credit passes within the examination system who may continue to work to achieve this qualification.
18. Comparison with the results achieved by candidates last year show a further improved pass rate in all papers. Paper 1 (Operations) provided a pass rate of 64.1% compared to 47.2% last year; Paper 2 (Fire Safety, Education and Enforcement) a pass rate of 57.0% from 50.2%; Paper 3 (Human Resource Management) a pass rate of 67.5% from 43.0%; and Paper 4 (Business Administration) a pass rate of 71.3% from 62.1%.
19. As in previous years, there were extremes in the quality of scripts submitted by candidates, but there was a general feeling that the quality of the majority of the responses provided were much better than in previous years and suggested that the high percentage of absentees had removed the majority of those who normally enter the examination with insufficient preparation to achieve any realistic hope of success.
20. There were no problems associated with the format of the examination, the venues or the instructions to candidates in the various question papers.

EXAMINERS' REPORT

21. Detailed comments of the assessors and examiners in connection with the answering of individual questions have been prepared and issued to brigades.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

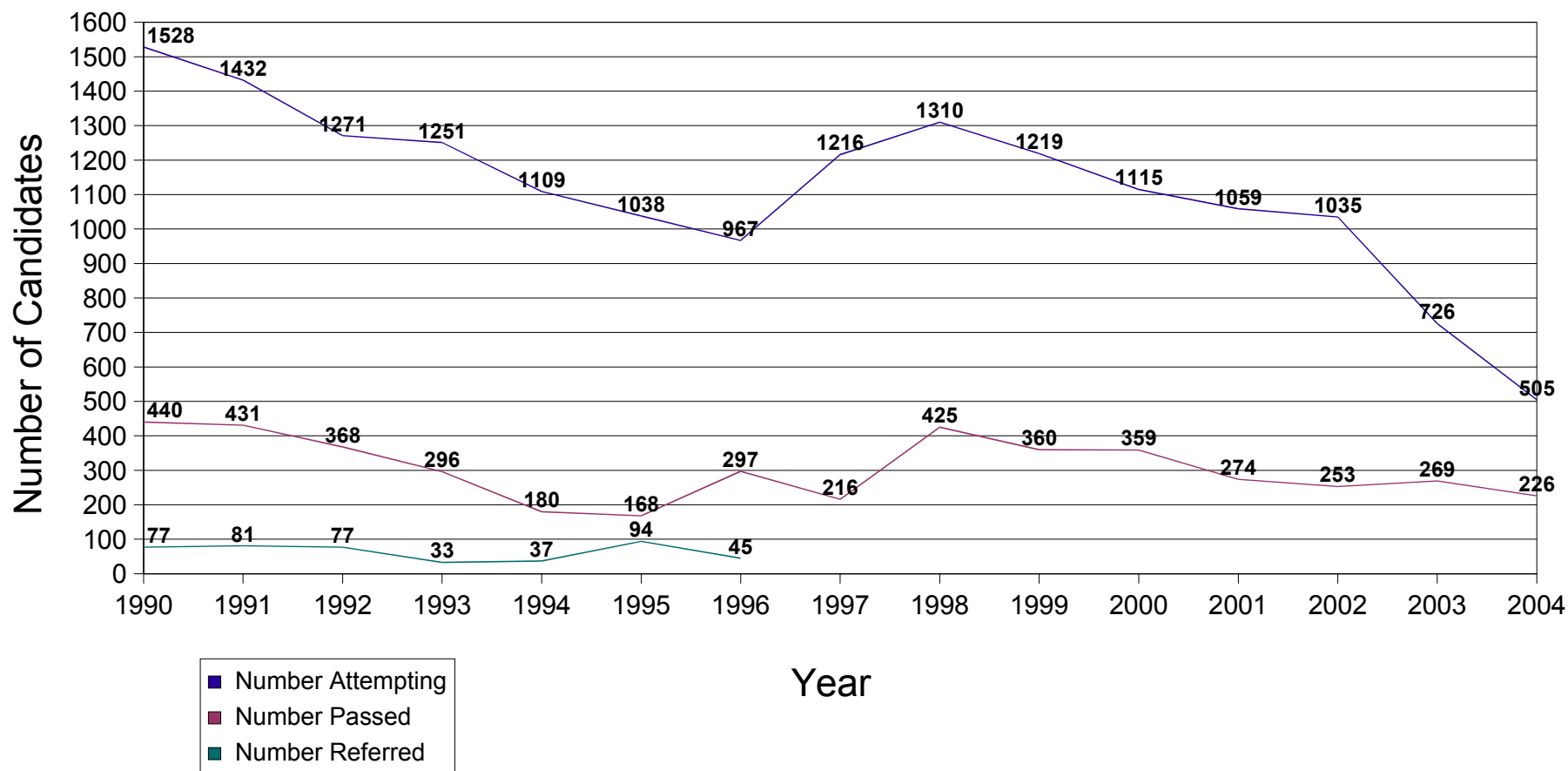
22. The following tables show the results in the examination as a whole, in both graphical and tabular format. A graph showing the numbers attempting the examination and the numbers passing it is attached at Appendix A. A summary of statistics is attached at Appendix B and a full statistical report for the examination, including an analysis by brigade, is attached at Appendix C.

Sir G Meldrum
Chairman

D J Stanley
Secretary

Station Officers' Written Examination 1990 to 2004

Table I





Fire Services Examinations Board

Qualifying Examination for Promotion to the Rank of Station Officer 2004 Written Examination

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Examination Board: ALL

ENTRY SUMMARY

The following table provides a breakdown of candidates by the number of papers they have entered in the above examination.

Table I

Quantity of papers	Overall Total				
	Entered	Absent		Sat	
	No	No	%	No	%
1 Paper	60	3	5.00	57	95.00
2 Papers	211	53	25.12	158	74.88
3 Papers	102	26	25.49	76	74.51
4 Papers	312	98	31.41	214	68.59
TOTALS:	685	180	26.28	505	73.72

OVERALL CUMULATIVE RESULTS

The following table shows the cumulative results for candidates entered (including absentees) for the above examination.

Table II

Paper Passes	Overall Total	
	No	%
Passed all papers	226	32.99
Passed 3 papers	44	6.42
Passed 2 papers	95	13.87
Passed 1 paper	100	14.60
Passed 0 papers	66	9.64
Absent with No Cumulative Credits	154	22.48
TOTALS:	685	100.00

Note: 17 candidates above, with cumulative papers to date, and 27 Absent/Lapsed candidates have failed to complete the examination within the requisite period.

PAPER SUMMARY

The following table provides a breakdown of the number of candidates entered for a particular paper in the above examination and the respective results.

Table III

Paper Number	Overall Total							
	Entered		Absent		Sat		Passed	
	No		No	%	No	%	No	%
Paper 1	496		159	32.06	337	67.94	216	64.09
Paper 2	515		164	31.84	351	68.16	200	56.98
Paper 3	552		164	29.71	388	70.29	262	67.53
Paper 4	473		149	31.50	324	68.50	231	71.30

Note: Passed percentage is calculated against the number of candidates who sat the paper.



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FULL STATISTICAL REPORT

ANALYSIS OF ENTRIES BY AGE GROUP

The following table shows the distribution of candidates by age and their cumulative performance in the above examination.

Table I

Age Group	Passed Complete Exam		Passed 3 Papers		Passed 2 Papers		Passed 1 Paper		Passed 0 Papers		Absent With No Credits		Total Entered
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	
Up To 20 Years	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
20 To 24	1	33.33	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	3
25 To 29	30	55.56	4	7.41	5	9.26	6	11.11	3	5.56	6	11.11	54
30 To 34	66	34.74	11	5.79	27	14.21	31	16.32	10	5.26	45	23.68	190
35 To 39	73	32.74	15	6.73	34	15.25	27	12.11	24	10.76	50	22.42	223
40 To 44	43	26.54	11	6.79	19	11.73	29	17.90	18	11.11	42	25.93	162
45 To 49	12	23.53	3	5.88	9	17.65	7	13.73	11	21.57	9	17.65	51
50+	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	2
TOTALS:	226	32.99	44	6.42	95	13.87	100	14.60	66	9.64	154	22.48	685

ANALYSIS BY RANK

The following table shows the distribution of candidates by rank and their cumulative performance in the above examination.

Table II

Rank	Passed Complete Exam		Passed 3 Papers		Passed 2 Papers		Passed 1 Paper		Passed 0 Papers		Absent With No Credits		Total Entered
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No
Firefighter	43	36.75	9	7.69	16	13.68	15	12.82	7	5.98	27	23.08	117
Leading Firefighter	64	25.91	14	5.67	37	14.98	32	12.96	25	10.12	75	30.36	247
Sub-Officer	119	37.07	21	6.54	42	13.08	53	16.51	34	10.59	52	16.20	321
TOTALS:	226	32.99	44	6.42	95	13.87	100	14.60	66	9.64	154	22.48	685

ANALYSIS BY GENDER

The following table shows the distribution of candidates by gender and their cumulative performance in the above examination.

Table III

Gender	Passed Complete Exam		Passed 3 Papers		Passed 2 Papers		Passed 1 Paper		Passed 0 Papers		Absent With No Credits		Total Entered
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No
Female	6	28.57	3	14.29	5	23.81	2	9.52	3	14.29	2	9.52	21
Male	220	33.13	41	6.17	90	13.55	98	14.76	63	9.49	152	22.89	664
TOTALS:	226	32.99	44	6.42	95	13.87	100	14.60	66	9.64	154	22.48	685

ANALYSIS BY LENGTH OF SERVICE

The following table shows the distribution of candidates by length of service and their cumulative performance in the above examination.

Table IV

Length of Service	Passed Complete Exam		Passed 3 Papers		Passed 2 Papers		Passed 1 Paper		Passed 0 Papers		Absent With No Credits		Total Entered	
	Years	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No		
0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
1	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
2	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	2
3	8	8	53.33	2	13.33	2	13.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	20.00	15
4	12	12	48.00	0	0.00	6	24.00	4	16.00	0	0.00	3	12.00	25
5	16	16	35.56	5	11.11	7	15.56	8	17.78	0	0.00	9	20.00	45
6	20	20	32.26	6	9.68	11	17.74	5	8.06	2	3.23	18	29.03	62
7	15	15	41.67	2	5.56	3	8.33	5	13.89	3	8.33	8	22.22	36
8	18	18	36.00	4	8.00	5	10.00	7	14.00	6	12.00	10	20.00	50
9	17	17	36.17	1	2.13	3	6.38	8	17.02	5	10.64	13	27.66	47
10	8	8	24.24	2	6.06	4	12.12	4	12.12	5	15.15	10	30.30	33
11	17	17	36.17	6	12.77	6	12.77	7	14.89	1	2.13	10	21.28	47
12	8	8	24.24	3	9.09	9	27.27	3	9.09	4	12.12	6	18.18	33
13	12	12	38.71	3	9.68	5	16.13	4	12.90	4	12.90	3	9.68	31
14	9	9	20.00	2	4.44	7	15.56	12	26.67	6	13.33	9	20.00	45
15	14	14	32.56	0	0.00	3	6.98	4	9.30	11	25.58	11	25.58	43
16	9	9	32.14	1	3.57	7	25.00	1	3.57	4	14.29	6	21.43	28
17	7	7	33.33	1	4.76	1	4.76	6	28.57	1	4.76	5	23.81	21
18	3	3	16.67	0	0.00	4	22.22	3	16.67	1	5.56	7	38.89	18
19	7	7	36.84	2	10.53	0	0.00	3	15.79	2	10.53	5	26.32	19
20	8	8	44.44	2	11.11	3	16.67	2	11.11	0	0.00	3	16.67	18
21	2	2	18.18	0	0.00	1	9.09	2	18.18	3	27.27	3	27.27	11
22	2	2	25.00	1	12.50	1	12.50	3	37.50	0	0.00	1	12.50	8
23	1	1	20.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	5
24	5	5	41.67	0	0.00	2	16.67	2	16.67	2	16.67	1	8.33	12
25	6	6	27.27	1	4.55	1	4.55	5	22.73	2	9.09	7	31.82	22
26	1	1	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	2	50.00	0	0.00	4
27	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
28	1	1	25.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	1	25.00	4
TOTALS:	226	226	32.99	44	6.42	95	13.87	100	14.60	66	9.64	154	22.48	685

ANALYSIS BY ETHNIC ORIGIN

The following table shows the distribution of candidates by ethnic origin and their cumulative performance in the above examination.

Table V

Ethnic Origin	Passed Complete Exam		Passed 3 Papers		Passed 2 Papers		Passed 1 Paper		Passed 0 Papers		Absent With No Credits		Total Entered
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No
Any Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	1
Black-Caribbean	1	50.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2
Declined To Say	8	29.63	4	14.81	3	11.11	4	14.81	1	3.70	7	25.93	27
Indian	2	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2
Irish	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	2	66.67	3
Other	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
White	214	33.08	38	5.87	91	14.06	95	14.68	64	9.89	145	22.41	647
White & Black African	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
White & Black Caribbean	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
TOTALS:	226	32.99	44	6.42	95	13.87	100	14.60	66	9.64	154	22.48	685

ANALYSIS BY BRIGADE

The following table shows the cumulative results achieved in each brigade (grouped in local examination boards.) The percentage figure for absentees is calculated on the number of candidates entering the examination.

Table VI

Board	Brigade	Passed Complete Exam		Passed 3 Papers		Passed 2 Papers		Passed 1 Paper		Passed 0 Papers		Absent With No Credits		Total Entered	Total Absent	
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	No	%
A	Cleveland	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1	100.00
A	Durham & Darlington	0	0.00	1	14.29	4	57.14	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	28.57	7	2	28.57
A	Northumberland	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	2	66.67	3	3	100.00
A	Tyne & Wear	4	22.22	2	11.11	4	22.22	1	5.56	3	16.67	4	22.22	18	5	27.78
Sub-Totals:		4	13.79	3	10.34	8	27.59	3	10.34	3	10.34	8	27.59	29	11	37.93
B	Humberside	9	37.50	2	8.33	2	8.33	2	8.33	1	4.17	8	33.33	24	10	41.67
B	North Yorkshire	1	11.11	1	11.11	2	22.22	2	22.22	1	11.11	2	22.22	9	2	22.22
B	South Yorkshire	4	22.22	2	11.11	1	5.56	2	11.11	5	27.78	4	22.22	18	7	38.89
B	West Yorkshire	7	35.00	1	5.00	2	10.00	1	5.00	1	5.00	8	40.00	20	9	45.00
Sub-Totals:		21	29.58	6	8.45	7	9.86	7	9.86	8	11.27	22	30.99	71	28	39.44
C	Cumbria	0	0.00	2	33.33	2	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	33.33	6	3	50.00
C	Greater Manchester	16	48.48	1	3.03	4	12.12	5	15.15	2	6.06	5	15.15	33	8	24.24
C	Lancashire	3	23.08	0	0.00	4	30.77	1	7.69	3	23.08	2	15.38	13	3	23.08
Sub-Totals:		19	36.54	3	5.77	10	19.23	6	11.54	5	9.62	9	17.31	52	14	26.92
D	Cheshire	2	33.33	0	0.00	1	16.67	1	16.67	0	0.00	2	33.33	6	3	50.00
D	Isle of Man	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	2	66.67	0	0.00	3	0	0.00
D	Merseyside	6	50.00	1	8.33	0	0.00	2	16.67	1	8.33	2	16.67	12	3	25.00
Sub-Totals:		8	38.10	1	4.76	1	4.76	4	19.05	3	14.29	4	19.05	21	6	28.57
E	Shropshire	1	16.67	0	0.00	1	16.67	3	50.00	0	0.00	1	16.67	6	1	16.67
E	Staffordshire	3	33.33	0	0.00	1	11.11	2	22.22	1	11.11	2	22.22	9	3	33.33
E	Warwickshire	2	28.57	2	28.57	0	0.00	1	14.29	2	28.57	0	0.00	7	3	42.86
E	West Midlands	14	35.90	2	5.13	2	5.13	6	15.38	3	7.69	12	30.77	39	19	48.72
E	Hereford and Worcs	3	30.00	0	0.00	3	30.00	2	20.00	2	20.00	0	0.00	10	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		23	32.39	4	5.63	7	9.86	14	19.72	8	11.27	15	21.13	71	26	36.62
F	Derbyshire	1	9.09	0	0.00	1	9.09	1	9.09	1	9.09	7	63.64	11	7	63.64
F	Leicestershire	1	33.33	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	3	1	33.33
Sub-Totals:		2	14.29	1	7.14	1	7.14	1	7.14	1	7.14	8	57.14	14	8	57.14
G	Cambridgeshire	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	50.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	1	25.00	4	1	25.00
G	Lincolnshire	3	33.33	0	0.00	1	11.11	3	33.33	0	0.00	2	22.22	9	3	33.33
G	Norfolk	5	55.56	0	0.00	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	33.33	9	3	33.33
Sub-Totals:		8	36.36	0	0.00	4	18.18	3	13.64	1	4.55	6	27.27	22	7	31.82
H	Bedfordshire & Luton	1	9.09	0	0.00	5	45.45	2	18.18	1	9.09	2	18.18	11	5	45.45
H	Northamptonshire	4	44.44	0	0.00	2	22.22	1	11.11	0	0.00	2	22.22	9	2	22.22
H	Oxfordshire	3	23.08	0	0.00	1	7.69	1	7.69	1	7.69	7	53.85	13	7	53.85
Sub-Totals:		8	24.24	0	0.00	8	24.24	4	12.12	2	6.06	11	33.33	33	14	42.42

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Board	Brigade	Passed Complete Exam		Passed 3 Papers		Passed 2 Papers		Passed 1 Paper		Passed 0 Papers		Absent With No Credits		Total Entered	Total Absent	
		No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	No	%
I	Essex	1	9.09	0	0.00	1	9.09	2	18.18	0	0.00	7	63.64	11	7	63.64
I	Hertfordshire	2	50.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	1	25.00
I	Suffolk	2	40.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	0	0.00	5	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		5	25.00	0	0.00	3	15.00	4	20.00	1	5.00	7	35.00	20	8	40.00
J	London	19	41.30	6	13.04	4	8.70	4	8.70	6	13.04	7	15.22	46	10	21.74
Sub-Totals:		19	41.30	6	13.04	4	8.70	4	8.70	6	13.04	7	15.22	46	10	21.74
K	East Sussex	2	66.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	3	0	0.00
K	Kent	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
K	Surrey	4	50.00	2	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	12.50	1	12.50	8	1	12.50
K	West Sussex	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	1	33.33	3	1	33.33
Sub-Totals:		7	46.67	2	13.33	0	0.00	1	6.67	3	20.00	2	13.33	15	2	13.33
L	Berkshire	4	66.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	16.67	1	16.67	0	0.00	6	0	0.00
L	Buckinghamshire	6	50.00	0	0.00	1	8.33	1	8.33	1	8.33	3	25.00	12	5	41.67
L	Hampshire	3	25.00	2	16.67	2	16.67	4	33.33	0	0.00	1	8.33	12	3	25.00
Sub-Totals:		13	43.33	2	6.67	3	10.00	6	20.00	2	6.67	4	13.33	30	8	26.67
M	Cornwall	3	23.08	2	15.38	4	30.77	1	7.69	1	7.69	2	15.38	13	2	15.38
M	Devon	7	46.67	1	6.67	0	0.00	1	6.67	1	6.67	5	33.33	15	5	33.33
Sub-Totals:		10	35.71	3	10.71	4	14.29	2	7.14	2	7.14	7	25.00	28	7	25.00
N	Dorset	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	2	1	50.00
N	Wiltshire	2	20.00	2	20.00	2	20.00	1	10.00	2	20.00	1	10.00	10	1	10.00
Sub-Totals:		3	25.00	2	16.67	2	16.67	1	8.33	2	16.67	2	16.67	12	2	16.67
O	Somerset	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	1	33.33	3	2	66.67
O	Avon	3	18.75	2	12.50	6	37.50	2	12.50	3	18.75	0	0.00	16	1	6.25
O	Gloucestershire	3	23.08	2	15.38	3	23.08	3	23.08	1	7.69	1	7.69	13	3	23.08
Sub-Totals:		7	21.88	4	12.50	9	28.13	6	18.75	4	12.50	2	6.25	32	6	18.75
P	Mid & West Wales	6	40.00	1	6.67	0	0.00	2	13.33	0	0.00	6	40.00	15	8	53.33
P	North Wales	6	54.55	0	0.00	1	9.09	2	18.18	1	9.09	1	9.09	11	1	9.09
P	South Wales	7	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	7.14	0	0.00	6	42.86	14	7	50.00
Sub-Totals:		19	47.50	1	2.50	1	2.50	5	12.50	1	2.50	13	32.50	40	16	40.00
Q	Strathclyde	21	28.00	2	2.67	11	14.67	17	22.67	9	12.00	15	20.00	75	25	33.33
Sub-Totals:		21	28.00	2	2.67	11	14.67	17	22.67	9	12.00	15	20.00	75	25	33.33
R	Fife	3	23.08	2	15.38	2	15.38	2	15.38	1	7.69	3	23.08	13	4	30.77
R	Grampian	3	50.00	0	0.00	1	16.67	1	16.67	0	0.00	1	16.67	6	2	33.33
R	Highlands and Islands	1	50.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0	0.00
R	Tayside	3	50.00	1	16.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	33.33	6	2	33.33
Sub-Totals:		10	37.04	3	11.11	4	14.81	3	11.11	1	3.70	6	22.22	27	8	29.63
S	Central Scotland	3	75.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	4	1	25.00
S	Dumfries & Galloway	3	60.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	5	1	20.00
S	Lothian and Borders	4	40.00	0	0.00	1	10.00	3	30.00	0	0.00	2	20.00	10	4	40.00
Sub-Totals:		10	52.63	0	0.00	1	5.26	3	15.79	1	5.26	4	21.05	19	6	31.58
T	Northern Ireland	9	36.00	1	4.00	6	24.00	5	20.00	2	8.00	2	8.00	25	6	24.00
Sub-Totals:		9	36.00	1	4.00	6	24.00	5	20.00	2	8.00	2	8.00	25	6	24.00
U	Guernsey	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
U	Jersey	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	2	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	1	33.33	1	33.33	0	0.00	3	0	0.00
TOTAL:		226	32.99	44	6.42	95	13.87	100	14.60	66	9.64	154	22.48	685	218	31.82

APPEALS AGAINST STATION OFFICERS' EXAMINATION RESULTS - 2004**1. REPORT**

- 1.1 Following the introduction of the Appeals against Examination Results, 13 appeals were received from candidates asking for their failed paper(s) to be re-marked. This represented a total of 22 examination scripts to be re-marked across the four papers.

Paper 1	6
Paper 2	7
Paper 3	4
Paper 4	5
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> 22

- 1.2 Two experienced examiners were asked to re-mark the above scripts and this process took place on Wednesday 9 June at the Hanover Hotel, Daventry. Examiners were not allowed to re-mark an examination paper previously allocated at the marking session.
- 1.3 Following the re-mark, examiners were asked to provide a brief report, together with reasons where the re-mark had proved significant.

- 1.4 The Appeals Panel, consisting of the Secretary of the FSEB, the Lead Assessor and the General Assessor for Scotland reviewed all appeals in the light of the examiners re-mark and comments, and the candidate's original submission. The decision of the Appeals Panel was:

Appeals Successful and Examination Result now ' Passed ' overall	2
Appeals Successful but change to Examination ' Grade ' only	3
Appeals Unsuccessful	8
TOTAL	13

- 1.5 Candidates and Chief Officers have been notified of the decision of the Appeals Panel.

- 1.6 The effect to the overall results as shown in Tables II and III of Appendix B of the Secretary of State Report can be summarised as follows:

Table II -	Passed All Papers	228
	Passed 3 Papers	44
	Passed 2 Papers	95
	Passed 1 Paper	99
	Passed 0 Papers	65
	Absent No. Credits	154
	Total Entered	685

Table III -	Paper 1 Passed	217	(64.3%)
	Paper 2 Passed	203	(57.8%)
	Paper 3 Passed	264	(68.0%)
	Paper 4 Passed	232	(71.6%)

Note: 43 candidates above have failed to complete their examination within the required period. Percentage passing of those who sat is now 45.1%.

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