



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 2005

1. The examination was set on the syllabus of study published in May 2004. This was the nineteenth 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 Resources Management	Mr J Singh (DCFO Bedfordshire & Luton)
PAPER 4	Business Administration	Mr P Coles (Former DCFO North Wales)

3. Examination centres at 50 locations were arranged by the local examination boards.
4. The examination was held on Wednesday and Thursday 23 and 24 February 2005.
5. 389 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 374 after late entries and withdrawals had both been accepted. 129 (34.5%) absented themselves from the examination. Thus, the number of candidates who attended the examination was 245. Of these, 88 attempted all four papers.
6. A total of 33 officers attended the marking session together with four Assessors, the General Assessor (Scotland), and the Lead Assessor.
7. The marking of scripts took place at Daventry from 13 – 17 March 2005.

Results

8. Of the 245 candidates who attempted the examination, 112 (45.7%) were awarded a pass. Appendix B shows the cumulative results for all candidates entered.
9. 11 female candidates attempted the examination 6 of whom passed the whole examination.
10. 129 candidates were absent from the whole examination. In addition 29 candidates were absent from individual papers and under the Restriction of Entry Scheme, 9 candidates (5.7%) appealed to the Board. Under the delegated authority given to the Chairman, all appeals were individually considered and 8 (90.0%) were upheld. These candidates will have one further attempt to complete their examination.

Top Candidate

11. The top candidate, Firefighter Paula McAllister from Northern Ireland Fire Brigade attained 71% in Paper 1, 93% in Paper 2, 72% in Paper 3 and 71% in Paper 4, with an overall mark of 77%.
12. The candidate in second place, Leading Firefighter PGM Cornhill from Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service attained 64% in Paper 1, 80% in Paper 2, 79% in Paper 3 and 62% in Paper 4, with an overall mark of 71%. In third place Firefighter TH Keep from London Fire & Civil Defence Authority attained 72% in Paper 1, 66% in Paper 2, 78% in Paper 3 and 61% in Paper 4, with an overall mark of 69%.

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 nineteenth to be held under the auspices of the Fire Services Examinations Board covering the whole of the United Kingdom. This was the last occasion on which candidates could enter this examination and enable them to continue to use the opportunities available to them within the flexible system when taking this examination. Those who have not taken this opportunity, together with those who now enter the fire & rescue service, will in future be assessed as part of the Integrated Personal Development System (IPDS).
14. The number of candidates who entered this examination was 374, a decrease of 311 (45.4%) and the number of candidates absenting themselves was 129 (34.5%) which, although less in number than last year, is a further disappointing increase in percentage terms from 26.3% experienced last year, leaving 245 actually attempting the examination, a decrease of 260 (51.5%) to last year's total.
15. Of the 245 who sat the examination, 112 (45.7%) were awarded a pass, 114 less than the number achieving a similar success last year, but which provided a slight increase in the percentage pass rate from 44.8%.
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 attempts available in which to obtain a pass in any remaining papers and achieve success in this qualifying examination. Consequently, only 88 (35.9%) attempted all four papers, 34 (13.9%) attempted three, 86 (35.1%) attempted two, and 37 (15.1%) attempted one.
17. Having previously noted that 112 achieved a pass in all four papers, it will also be noted from the detail provided that of those who attempted the examination, 35 have now achieved passes in three papers, 62 in two, and 44 in one. Thus, there are 141 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 showed a further improved pass rate in all papers with the exception only of Paper 4. Paper 1 (Operations) provided a pass rate of 70.8% compared to 64.1% last year; Paper 2 (Fire Safety, Education and Enforcement) a pass rate of 70.5% from 57.0%; Paper 3 (Human Resource Management) a pass rate of 68.8% from 67.5%; and Paper 4 (Business Administration) a pass rate of 64.3% compared to 71.3%.

19. The reduction in the number sitting the examination has provided a general improvement in the quality of scripts submitted by candidates, although there remained a number of candidates who appear to have entered the examination with insufficient preparation to achieve any realistic hope of success.
20. An unfortunate printing error in one question was brought to the attention of the Board and this was taken into account when the overall marks achieved by candidates were determined.

Examiners' Report

21. Detailed comments of the assessors and examiners in connection with the answering of individual questions have been prepared and circulated to brigades via the Board's web site www.fseb.gov.uk

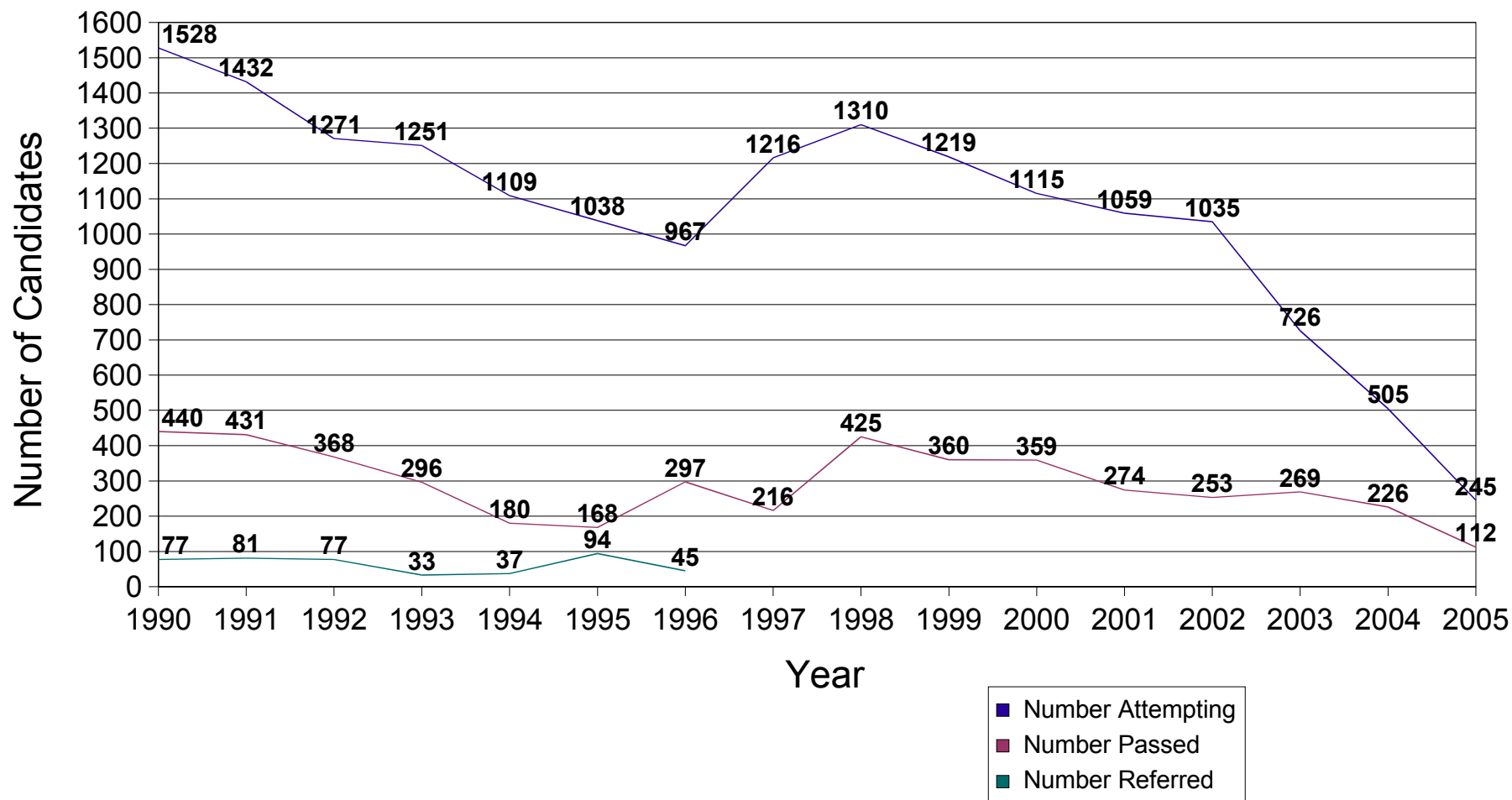
Summary of Results

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

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Secretary

Station Officers' Written Examination 1990 to 2005





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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

ENTRY SUMMARY

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

Table I

Quantity of papers	Overall Total				
	Entered	Absent		Sat	
	No	No	%	No	%
1 Paper	40	3	7.50	37	92.50
2 Papers	113	27	23.89	86	76.11
3 Papers	66	32	48.48	34	51.52
4 Papers	155	67	43.23	88	56.77
Overall Total	374	129	34.49	245	65.51

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	112	29.95
Passed 3 papers	35	9.36
Passed 2 papers	62	16.58
Passed 1 papers	44	11.76
Passed 0 papers	21	5.61
Absent with No Cumulative Credits	100	26.74
Total Candidates Entered	374	100.00

Note: 6 candidates above, with cumulative papers to date, and 16 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	287	119	41.46	168	58.54	119	70.83
Paper 2	285	119	41.75	166	58.25	117	70.48
Paper 3	259	118	45.56	141	54.44	97	68.79
Paper 4	253	110	43.48	143	56.52	92	64.34

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	%	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	3	60.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	40.00	5
25 To 29	8	33.33	5	20.83	6	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	20.83	24
30 To 34	30	30.61	10	10.20	16	16.33	9	9.18	5	5.10	28	28.57	98
35 To 39	30	26.55	9	7.96	25	22.12	13	11.50	6	5.31	30	26.55	113
40 To 44	27	29.35	7	7.61	11	11.96	14	15.22	7	7.61	26	28.26	92
45 To 49	14	35.90	4	10.26	4	10.26	8	20.51	2	5.13	7	17.95	39
50+	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	2	66.67	3
TOTALS:	112	29.95	35	9.36	62	16.58	44	11.76	21	5.61	100	26.74	374

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	21	29.58	8	11.27	15	21.13	7	9.86	2	2.82	18	25.35	71
Leading Firefighter	37	28.91	12	9.38	22	17.19	13	10.16	4	3.13	40	31.25	128
Sub-Officer	54	30.86	15	8.57	25	14.29	24	13.71	15	8.57	42	24.00	175
TOTALS:	112	29.95	35	9.36	62	16.58	44	11.76	21	5.61	100	26.74	374

ANALYSIS BY GENDER

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

Table III

Title	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	30.00	4	20.00	0	0.00	1	5.00	0	0.00	9	45.00	20
Male	106	29.94	31	8.76	62	17.51	43	12.15	21	5.93	91	25.71	354
TOTALS:	112	29.95	35	9.36	62	16.58	44	11.76	21	5.61	100	26.74	374

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	2	2	66.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	3
3	5	5	33.33	0	0.00	4	26.67	1	6.67	0	0.00	5	33.33	15
4	9	9	36.00	2	8.00	5	20.00	2	8.00	1	4.00	6	24.00	25
5	4	4	19.05	4	19.05	5	23.81	3	14.29	1	4.76	4	19.05	21
6	6	6	25.00	6	25.00	4	16.67	1	4.17	1	4.17	6	25.00	24
7	12	12	38.71	4	12.90	4	12.90	2	6.45	1	3.23	8	25.81	31
8	4	4	22.22	4	22.22	1	5.56	0	0.00	1	5.56	8	44.44	18
9	5	5	19.23	3	11.54	8	30.77	3	11.54	2	7.69	5	19.23	26
10	7	7	41.18	0	0.00	1	5.88	1	5.88	1	5.88	7	41.18	17
11	9	9	45.00	1	5.00	1	5.00	3	15.00	1	5.00	5	25.00	20
12	12	12	44.44	1	3.70	2	7.41	2	7.41	0	0.00	10	37.04	27
13	6	6	35.29	2	11.76	2	11.76	1	5.88	1	5.88	5	29.41	17
14	0	0	0.00	1	11.11	4	44.44	1	11.11	1	11.11	2	22.22	9
15	8	8	34.78	1	4.35	4	17.39	5	21.74	0	0.00	5	21.74	23
16	2	2	12.50	0	0.00	3	18.75	4	25.00	0	0.00	7	43.75	16
17	1	1	10.00	0	0.00	4	40.00	1	10.00	1	10.00	3	30.00	10
18	3	3	20.00	1	6.67	4	26.67	2	13.33	2	13.33	3	20.00	15
19	4	4	50.00	0	0.00	2	25.00	0	0.00	1	12.50	1	12.50	8
20	3	3	33.33	0	0.00	2	22.22	3	33.33	0	0.00	1	11.11	9
21	4	4	57.14	1	14.29	1	14.29	0	0.00	1	14.29	0	0.00	7
22	2	2	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	4
23	0	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2
24	1	1	16.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	33.33	0	0.00	3	50.00	6
25	1	1	20.00	2	40.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	5
26	0	0	0.00	1	9.09	1	9.09	4	36.36	2	18.18	3	27.27	11
27	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	1	33.33	1	33.33	3
28	1	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
29	1	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
TOTALS:	112	112	29.95	35	9.36	62	16.58	44	11.76	21	5.61	100	26.74	374

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
Black-Caribbean	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
Declined To Say	5	38.46	1	7.69	2	15.38	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	38.46	13
Irish	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	2	66.67	0	0.00	3
Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	1
White	107	30.31	33	9.35	56	15.86	44	12.46	19	5.38	94	26.63	353
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
White Other	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
TOTALS:	112	29.95	35	9.36	62	16.58	44	11.76	21	5.61	100	26.74	374

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	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
A	Durham & Darlington	2	40.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	5	3	60.00
A	Northumberland	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	2	2	100.00
A	Tyne & Wear	5	50.00	3	30.00	2	20.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	2	20.00
Sub-Totals:		7	38.89	4	22.22	4	22.22	1	5.56	0	0.00	2	11.11	18	7	38.89
B	Humberside	3	42.86	0	0.00	1	14.29	2	28.57	1	14.29	0	0.00	7	0	0.00
B	North Yorkshire	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	75.00	4	3	75.00
B	South Yorkshire	2	40.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	0	0.00	5	2	40.00
Sub-Totals:		5	31.25	0	0.00	3	18.75	3	18.75	2	12.50	3	18.75	16	5	31.25
C	Cumbria	3	75.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	4	1	25.00
C	Greater Manchester	5	35.71	1	7.14	0	0.00	2	14.29	0	0.00	6	42.86	14	6	42.86
C	Lancashire	2	18.18	2	18.18	3	27.27	0	0.00	1	9.09	3	27.27	11	5	45.45
Sub-Totals:		10	34.48	3	10.34	3	10.34	2	6.90	1	3.45	10	34.48	29	12	41.38
D	Cheshire	1	50.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0	0.00
D	Isle of Man	0	0.00	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
D	Merseyside	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		2	50.00	1	25.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0	0.00
E	Shropshire	1	11.11	0	0.00	4	44.44	1	11.11	0	0.00	3	33.33	9	4	44.44
E	Staffordshire	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	1	33.33	3	1	33.33
E	Warwickshire	1	25.00	0	0.00	2	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	4	1	25.00
E	West Midlands	6	40.00	2	13.33	1	6.67	2	13.33	0	0.00	4	26.67	15	7	46.67
E	Hereford and Worcs	2	25.00	1	12.50	0	0.00	2	25.00	1	12.50	2	25.00	8	4	50.00
Sub-Totals:		11	28.21	3	7.69	7	17.95	6	15.38	1	2.56	11	28.21	39	17	43.59
F	Leicestershire	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
F	Nottinghamshire	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		2	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0	0.00
G	Cambridgeshire	1	50.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0	0.00
G	Lincolnshire	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	2	66.67	3	3	100.00
G	Norfolk	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	100.00	3	3	100.00
Sub-Totals:		1	12.50	0	0.00	1	12.50	1	12.50	0	0.00	5	62.50	8	6	75.00

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Appendix C

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	%
H	Bedfordshire & Luton	1	20.00	0	0.00	2	40.00	1	20.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	5	3	60.00
H	Northamptonshire	3	30.00	0	0.00	1	10.00	1	10.00	0	0.00	5	50.00	10	6	60.00
H	Oxfordshire	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		5	31.25	0	0.00	3	18.75	2	12.50	0	0.00	6	37.50	16	9	56.25
I	Essex	2	40.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	1	20.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	5	2	40.00
I	Hertfordshire	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	66.67	3	2	66.67
I	Suffolk	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	1	33.33	3	2	66.67
Sub-Totals:		3	27.27	0	0.00	2	18.18	2	18.18	0	0.00	4	36.36	11	6	54.55
J	London	6	75.00	2	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	8	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		6	75.00	2	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	8	0	0.00
K	East Sussex	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	1	33.33	1	33.33	3	1	33.33
K	Surrey	2	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0	0.00
K	West Sussex	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	2	1	50.00
Sub-Totals:		3	42.86	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	14.29	1	14.29	2	28.57	7	2	28.57
L	Berkshire	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	66.67	3	2	66.67
L	Buckinghamshire	0	0.00	1	16.67	1	16.67	0	0.00	1	16.67	3	50.00	6	3	50.00
L	Hampshire	4	44.44	2	22.22	2	22.22	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	9	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		4	22.22	3	16.67	4	22.22	1	5.56	1	5.56	5	27.78	18	5	27.78
M	Cornwall	4	33.33	3	25.00	1	8.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	33.33	12	7	58.33
M	Devon	1	100.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		5	38.46	3	23.08	1	7.69	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	30.77	13	7	53.85
N	Dorset	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	100.00	1	1	100.00
N	Wiltshire	0	0.00	3	75.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	1	25.00
Sub-Totals:		0	0.00	3	60.00	1	20.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	20.00	5	2	40.00
O	Avon	6	35.29	1	5.88	3	17.65	1	5.88	1	5.88	5	29.41	17	8	47.06
O	Gloucestershire	6	40.00	2	13.33	1	6.67	3	20.00	1	6.67	2	13.33	15	4	26.67
Sub-Totals:		12	37.50	3	9.38	4	12.50	4	12.50	2	6.25	7	21.88	32	12	37.50
P	Mid & West Wales	3	37.50	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	12.50	0	0.00	4	50.00	8	5	62.50
P	North Wales	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	40.00	1	20.00	0	0.00	2	40.00	5	4	80.00
P	South Wales	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	50.00	1	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0	0.00
Sub-Totals:		3	20.00	0	0.00	3	20.00	3	20.00	0	0.00	6	40.00	15	9	60.00
Q	Strathclyde	8	13.11	6	9.84	9	14.75	13	21.31	7	11.48	18	29.51	61	34	55.74
Sub-Totals:		8	13.11	6	9.84	9	14.75	13	21.31	7	11.48	18	29.51	61	34	55.74
R	Fife	2	25.00	0	0.00	1	12.50	2	25.00	0	0.00	3	37.50	8	5	62.50
R	Grampian	3	33.33	0	0.00	4	44.44	1	11.11	0	0.00	1	11.11	9	3	33.33
R	Highlands and Islands	1	33.33	1	33.33	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1	33.33
R	Tayside	2	22.22	0	0.00	1	11.11	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	66.67	9	6	66.67
Sub-Totals:		8	27.59	1	3.45	7	24.14	3	10.34	0	0.00	10	34.48	29	15	51.72
S	Central Scotland	1	25.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	1	25.00	4	1	25.00
S	Dumfries & Galloway	1	33.33	0	0.00	1	33.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	3	1	33.33
Sub-Totals:		2	28.57	0	0.00	2	28.57	0	0.00	1	14.29	2	28.57	7	2	28.57

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Appendix C

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	%
T	Northern Ireland	13	40.63	3	9.38	7	21.88	1	3.13	5	15.63	3	9.38	32	7	21.88
Sub-Totals:		13	40.63	3	9.38	7	21.88	1	3.13	5	15.63	3	9.38	32	7	21.88
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	2	66.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	33.33	3	1	33.33
Sub-Totals:		2	50.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	0	0.00	1	25.00	4	1	25.00
TOTALS:		112	29.95	35	9.36	62	16.58	44	11.76	21	5.61	100	26.74	374	158	42.25

**APPEALS AGAINST STATION OFFICERS' EXAMINATION RESULTS
FEBRUARY 2005**

1. REPORT

- 1.1 Following the introduction of the Appeals against Examination Results, 5 appeals were received from candidates asking for their failed paper(s) to be re-marked. This represented a total of 8 examination scripts to be re-marked across the four papers.

Paper 1	2
Paper 2	1
Paper 3	2
Paper 4	3
TOTAL	<u>8</u>

- 1.2 Two experienced examiners were asked to re-mark the above scripts and this process took place on Thursday 19 May at the Daventry 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	2
Appeals Unsuccessful	1
TOTAL	5

- 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	114
Passed 3 Papers	34
Passed 2 Papers	61
Passed 1 Paper	45
Passed 0 Papers	20
Absent No. Credits	100
Total Entered	374

Table III - Paper 1 Passed	0 (71.4%)
Paper 2 Passed	117 (70.5%)
Paper 3 Passed	99 (70.2%)
Paper 4 Passed	93 (65.0%)

Note: 22 candidates above have failed to complete their examination within the required period. Percentage passing of those who sat is now 46.5%.

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