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The Accreditation of Military Engineer Geographic (ME Geo) Soldier Training

Ministry of Defence

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

The Accreditation of Military Engineer Geographic (ME Geo) Soldier Training

Reference number

713818453

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80340000 - Special education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Military Engineer Geographic (ME Geo) soldiers currently complete two courses at the Defence School of Geospatial Intelligence (DSGI), which are accredited as a Bachelor of Science Degree (BSc) under contract with a UK University. The accreditation process must align with established standards, including curriculum quality, faculty qualifications, student outcomes, and institutional resources. The contract duration is from 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2027 with an option for an additional one-year option, which could extend the total duration 30 June 2028.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2025/S 000-058667](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.2.11) Information

Instead of

Text

Options: No

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Text

Options: Yes

Section number

IV.1.1)

Place of text to be modified

Explanation:

Instead of

Text

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course, successful completion of which results in soldiers being awarded 120 credits at Level 4 and 5, as they are considered qualified at that point to be assigned into their first military role. Following completion of their first military role in an operational unit, the soldiers subsequently return to complete an 11 month ME Geo Class 1 course, which must be undertaken with the original educational accreditor, gaining the requisite additional 100 credits at Level 5 and 6 to enable award of the Bachelor of Science (BSc). Both Class 1 and Class 2 courses were developed by the Authority in consultation with SHU.

As a result of this, accreditation cannot be transferred between accrediting bodies. Moving to a new provider would require the full re-validation process for all student courses which have already been accredited by SHU and the existing student courses must therefore be completed and accredited by SHU. The Authority is currently developing a revised course structure in order to conduct a competitive procurement of the Military Engineer (ME Geo) course in the future. It is currently anticipated that this will be launched by 30/06/2027.

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