



Defence Determination 2009/79

I, BRIAN GARY PAULE, Director General Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions, make this Determination under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903*.

Dated 3 December 2009

B G PAULE
Director General
Personnel Policy and Employment Conditions
People Strategies and Policy Group

1 Citation

This Determination is Defence Determination 2009/79, Medical officers professional development financial support scheme – amendment.

2 Commencement

This Determination commences on the day it is signed.

3 Amendment

Defence Determination 2005/15, Conditions of Service, as amended,¹ is amended as set out in this Determination.

4 Paragraph 3.5.249.2.b (Professional development activities)

substitute

- b. Activities associated with Service-approved competency-based training to meet the requirements of the specialist career structure.

5 Clause 3.5.251 (Access to financial support)

substitute

- 1. A member can be paid financial support under this Division on a reimbursement. Costs associated with approved professional development activities must be paid in full before reimbursement can be made.

Note: The member must provide evidence of the payment. It is the member's responsibility to provide enough detail to allow the costs to be verified.

- 2. A member can be provided financial support under this Division by direct payment to a supplier for an approved professional development activity.
- 3. If the CDF considers it reasonable due to exceptional circumstances a member may be paid an advance toward the cost of the professional development activity.
- 4. A member may use their Defence travel card for travel associated with an approved professional development activity. Any amount of Commonwealth assistance with the travel counts toward the maximum payment amount under clause 3.5.250.

NOTE

- 1. Defence Determination 2005/15 commenced on 31 May 2005. For previous amendments see Note to Defence Determination 2009/1 and see also Defence Determinations 2009/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77 and 78.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Defence Determination 2009/79

This Determination amends Defence Determination 2005/15, Conditions of Service (the Principal Determination), made under section 58B of the *Defence Act 1903* (the Act). Chapter 3 of the Principal Determination sets out provisions dealing with salaries and bonuses for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

The purpose of this Determination is to amend approved training and payment to training suppliers.

Clause 1 of this Determination sets out the manner in which this Determination may be cited.

Clause 2 of this Determination provides that the Determination commences on the day it is signed.

Clause 3 specifies that the amendment is made to the Principal Determination, as amended.

Clause 4 substitutes paragraph 3.5.249.2.b of the Principal Determination. This amendment expressly limits the scope of the prohibition in paragraph 3.5.249.2.b to Service-approved activity. This means that other competency-based training may be considered as professional development activities for the purpose of the scheme.

Clause 5 substitutes clause 3.5.251 of the Principal Determination. This amendment inserts a new subclause 2 which provides for increased use of the Defence Purchasing Card to purchase services directly. This is directly in line with Defence procurement principles to move away from reimbursement. The following subclauses are renumbered.

Criteria are provided for the exercise of discretions under the Principal Determination, as amended by this Determination. Adverse decisions are subject to merits review under the ADF redress of grievance system, including an appeal to the Defence Force Ombudsman.

Authority: Section 58B of the
Defence Act 1903