

LEGAL OFFICER CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING OF 4 MAR 08
COMMITTEE DECISION 25/08

Subject: Policy – Eligibility to Undertake Legal Training Module Courses

The Committee noted:

1. The submission dated 28 Feb 08 by DDMLC seeking a policy covering the eligibility of members of the Standby reserve to undertake Legal Training Module (LTM) courses.
2. The comments by DALs that in Army a number of legal officers are transferred to the Standby reserve in order to free up ARES positions for others to be promoted and, secondly, arrangements are in place for newly appointed legal officers to spend an initial period on the Standby reserve in order to undertake initial officer training, LTM 1 and on job training prior to being posted into an ARES establishment position.
3. That all members of the Committee agreed that it was NOT appropriate for Defence Legal to fund attendance at any LTM course of any member of the Standby reserve who does not have a current undertaking for service under section 50 of the *Defence Act, 1903*.
4. That in CPDC Policy Decision 123/03 the Committee decided to:
 - a. *Agree that unless an ADF officer was a legal officer in the Legal Officers' Specialist Career Structure that officer was not eligible to undertake any LTM courses.*
5. That the current policy should be amended to reflect the above changes.

The Committee decided to:

1. **Agree** to revoke CPDC Policy Decision 123/03.
2. **Agree** that unless a member of the Standby reserve has a current undertaking for service under section 50 of the *Defence Act, 1903* that member is not eligible to undertake any LTM course.

3. **Agree** that unless an ADF officer is a legal officer in the Legal Officers' Specialist Officer Career Structure that officer is not eligible to undertake any LTM course.

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