

## PANELLING CRITERIA FOR LTM COURSES

1. DMLC is the Panelling Authority for all LTM courses. Authority for funding approval for Legal Officers seeking to undertake an elective subject in order to complete the Graduate Diploma in Advanced Military Law remains with DGADFLS (with LO CPDC advice).
2. DMLC does not guarantee placement on any LTM core or elective subject. Students will be panelled on courses in accordance with the panelling criteria outlined below. The panelling criteria are based upon the following principles:
  - a. Funding available for legal training is not unlimited;
  - b. Panelling of LTM courses should achieve equity between nominating Legal Officers;
  - c. Legal Officers should be adequately prepared to attend LTM subjects as active participants; and
  - d. Legal Officers who have completed their Task Journals at the relevant level should not be delayed for progression through CL levels.
3. DGADFLS reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to direct the Panelling Authority in respect of panelling decisions. In this regard, DGADFLS may impose decisions on the Panelling Authority that do not comply with the following panelling criteria.

### LTM Courses

4. The following panelling criteria apply generally:
  - a. Only Legal Officers who are members of the LOSOCS are eligible for empanelment on any LTM course.
    - (1) **Except** where an applicant is the subject of a CPDC decision recommending admission to the LOSOCS but where the admission to the LOSOCS is not yet effective, DGADFLS may approve empanelment on LTM 1 if there is a vacancy on the course.
  - b. Unless a Legal Officer in the Standby reserve has a current undertaking for service under section 50 of the *Defence Act 1903* that officer is not eligible for empanelment on any LTM course.
  - c. Reserve Legal Officers, while on continuous full-time service (CFTS), are entitled to the same funding and funding priority as Legal Officers in the permanent force.

### LTM 1

5. The following panelling criteria apply to LTM 1:
  - a. Permanent Legal Officers will be given priority over Reserve Legal Officers for empanelment on LTM 1.
    - (1) This panelling criterion applies irrespective of CL (ie, a Permanent Legal Officer at CL1 will remain a priority over a Reserve Legal Officer at CL2).

- b. Legal Officers who have completed initial officer training will be given priority over Legal Officers who have not completed initial officer training.

## **LTM 2**

6. The following criteria apply to LTM 2:

- a. Legal Officers must have satisfactorily completed LTM 1 and be CL2 IAW a LO CPDC decision specific to them before they become eligible for empanelment on LTM 2 subjects.
  - (1) Legal Officers who are admitted to the LOSOCS at CL2 are still required to complete LTM 1.
- b. From 1 Jan 09, Legal Officers will not be empanelled on LTM 2 subjects until they have completed those tasks at the competent level for that area of military law listed as designated pre-requisite tasks in Annex A.
- c. Legal Officers are not eligible to undertake the Advocacy for Military Lawyers subject until the Military Discipline Law subject has been satisfactorily completed.
- d. Eligible Legal Officers will be prioritised for empanelment on LTM 2 subjects in accordance with their relative seniority at CL2.
  - (1) **Except** Permanent Legal officers will be given priority over Reserve Legal Officers unless the Reserve Legal Officer holds seniority at CL2 of greater than twelve months more than the comparative Permanent Legal Officer.
- e. Legal Officers will not normally be panelled on more than two LTM 2 subjects in any one calendar year unless they have at least two years' seniority at CL2.
  - (1) Discretion will be used when applying this criterion. Legal Officers who have completed the Task Journal for the relevant area of military law at the Competent Level should not be disadvantaged in the panelling process.

## **LTM 3**

7. The following criteria apply to LTM 3:

- a. Legal Officers must have satisfactorily completed LTM 2 and be CL3 IAW a LO CPDC decision specific to them before they become eligible for empanelment on LTM 3 subjects.
- b. Eligible Legal Officers will be prioritised for empanelment on LTM 3 subjects in accordance with their relative seniority at CL3.
  - (1) **Except** Permanent Legal officers will be given priority over Reserve Legal Officers unless the Reserve Legal Officer holds seniority at CL3 of greater than twelve months more than the comparative Permanent Legal Officer.
- c. Legal Officers will not normally be panelled on more than two core subjects for LTM 3 in any one calendar year unless they have at least two years' seniority at CL3.

- (1) Discretion will be used when applying this criterion. Legal Officers who have completed the Task Journal requirements for progression to CL4 should not be disadvantaged in the panelling process.
- d. Reserve Legal Officers, other than on CFTS, will not be funded for LTM 3 electives unless:
- (1) Prior to Feb 03, the Reserve Legal Officer had been given approval to undertake the full LTM 3 program, including electives;
  - (2) Prior to 4 Mar 08, the Reserve Legal Officer had been a member of the permanent force when approval had been given to undertake the full LTM 3 program, including electives, and had since transferred to the Reserve; and
  - (3) Completion of an elective within the LTM 3 program is required for the Reserve Legal Officer to carry out duties that the officer is or may be required to carry out and the Committee has approved completion of the elective by that officer.
- e. Empanelment on LTM 3 elective subjects will be supported where possible, subject to funding constraints and equitable treatment of Legal Officers.
- (1) Where funding constraints mandate limits to elective subject approvals, the factors considered by DMLC will include the number of subjects each Legal Officer is seeking to undertake and the respective seniority in CL.