

DEFENCE LEGAL OFFICE
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 26 FEB 01
COMMITTEE DECISION 06/01

Subject: Policy on Applications from Legal Officers with paralegal service in the ADF prior to their admission as a lawyer

The Committee noted:

1. Its Decisions 11/00 and 71/00 in relation, respectively, to the grant of credit towards Legal Competency Level 3 (LL3) for prior legal and paralegal experience, and for service as a legal officer prior to admission to the practice of law.
2. That prior paralegal service in the ADF by a legal officer is of particular value to the Defence Organisation.

The Committee decided:

1. To vary its Decision 11/00 by amending paragraph 4. b. thereof as follows:

“b. prior paralegal experience will be credited at a rate of up to 25% depending on the circumstances of each case, including the relevancy and recency of the experience, up to a maximum of 18 months for such experience in the ADF or a maximum of one year for other paralegal experience.”¹

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¹ A footnote referring to this amendment has been inserted in Decision 11/00

