

THE DEFENCE LEGAL SERVICE
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 9 JUL 01
COMMITTEE DECISION 31/01

Subject: Policy – Legal Competency Clearance required before being Eligible for Promotion

The Committee noted:

1. The DFRT Decision on the Legal Officers' Specialist Structure (17 Feb 00).
2. Its Decision 5/00 in relation to the need for a DI(G) setting out the conditions of service applicable to legal officers in the new Structure.
3. That negotiations with Service career managers had taken place and would continue until agreement was reached on the terms of the DI(G) for legal officers.
4. That a number of members had been promoted to a rank where the legal competency level applicable to a legal officer of that rank was above that held by the member. This has meant that the member has to make an application to the Committee for recognition of a suitable legal competency level after the promotion has been decided.

The Committee decided that:

1. The Committee should decide on a member's legal competency level before Service career managers make a final decision on the promotion of a legal officer.
2. Attainment of the appropriate legal competency level required for the higher rank should become an eligibility criterion for promotion.
3. The Secretary is to raise these issues with Service career managers for inclusion in the draft DI(G) and report back to the Committee.

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