

**DEFENCE LEGAL OFFICE**  
**CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF 8 NOVEMBER 00**  
**COMMITTEE DECISION 58/00**

**Subject: Applications for Legal Competency Level 4  
from Legal Officers**

**The Committee noted:**

1. Its Decision 11/00 in relation to Applications for Legal Competency Level 3 (LL3) by Legal Officers.
2. That Legal Competency Level 4 (LL4) requires that an applicant be able to demonstrate competence in two of the three core fields (Operations, Discipline and Military Administrative law).

**The Committee decided that:**

1. Applicants must indicate which two core fields they have selected for purposes of the application.
2. When the Committee considers individual applications for approval of LL4 or for assessment of eligibility for LL4, it will take into account the following factors:
  - a. the particulars of the applicant, including the following dates: worn rank, seniority, appointment as LO in the ADF, and admission to practice;
  - b. the two core legal competency fields selected by the applicant; and
  - c. in relation to each of the selected core fields:
    - (i) the applicant's post graduate academic qualifications in legal studies;
    - (ii) the applicant's demonstrated legal skills;
    - (iii) the applicant's prior experience as a Legal Officer.
3. Academic qualifications in the core fields may be demonstrated by providing the Committee with copies of post-graduate degree documents, for example LLM or the Legal Officers' Advanced Course.
4. Legal skills in the core fields may be demonstrated by providing the Committee with copies of selected (by the applicant) briefs, minutes, advices and/or papers containing legal opinions and other results of legal research

which had been supplied earlier to Commanders or others<sup>1</sup>.

5. Experience as a Legal Officer in the core fields may be demonstrated by providing the Committee with details of such experience, including postings, with approximate dates, and a description of the legal duties actually performed.

6. When the Committee decides to grant approval for LL4, its decision will indicate:

- a. whether approval is provisional or unconditional;
- b. if provisional, what requirements the applicant must meet and by what date in order to achieve unconditional approval.

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<sup>1</sup> Where privacy considerations are significant, the applicant should ensure that the names of individuals or other information that would clearly point to one individual are obscured or removed