

Chief of the Defence Staff



Le Chef d'état-major de la Défense

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Dear 

Thank you for your letter and please excuse my delay in replying. I wanted to take the time to reply myself, rather than having one of the staff draft a reply, and I have been out of the country until recently.

As you are aware, the values of Canadian society have been changing significantly over the last twenty five years. The policies of the Government of Canada and the Canadian Forces have also been changing to reflect the values of the society in general. Since the fall of 1992, there are no longer career restrictions with respect to practicing homosexuals. However, it is not possible to apply current standards to policies that existed in past years. One cannot rewrite history.

Your query has received much attention in National Defence Headquarters, including consideration by Minister Campbell and Minister Collenette. Those responses have already given all the information that I could provide to you.

Without commenting on your statement of the facts of your case, I can assure you that the Canadian Forces are committed to providing all members with a workplace in which their legal rights, including those involving sexual orientation, are fully respected.

I offer you my best wishes for whatever you do in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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