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NCO Promotions & Flag Party Exams

1.0 Covid-19 Waiver of Requirements

- 1.1 As in 2020 the Covid-19 virus is affecting every Group to different degrees, and this is also affecting how NCO promotions are being carried out during this time.
- 1.2 With this being the case, a temporary postponement of the practical component of NCO and Flag Party exams is now being put into place. This is for Squadrons who have not been able to return to face-to-face parades.
- 1.3 A request will be required to be sent to the Federal Field Commissioner from any Group applying for an exemption. This will be required for each Squadron affected and wishing to promote cadets or hold Flag Party Exams.
- 1.4 Requests may be sent by email listing the name of the squadron applying to promote.

2.0 Criteria

- 2.1 The Squadron has not been able to hold face to face parades on a regular basis since 1st June 2021 and is currently still required to parade online due to Government restrictions.

3.0 Requirements

- 3.1 A Form 22 must be submitted to the Group Field Commissioner/Officer as normal.
- 3.2 A theory exam is still to be completed and preferably a different exam to the current exam being used. Provision for an oral exam is an option that may be used by an approved examiner within the Group and as per section 6 of the Manual.
- 3.3 As per last year this a one-off exemption and can only be used once by a Squadron. Multiple promotions are allowed but all exams should happen on the same date.
- 3.4 The practical component must be completed three (3) months after face-to-face Parades resume or 30th December 2021, whichever is the later date.
- 3.5 No other promotions will be allowed within the Squadron until the practical component has been achieved by all members promoted under this exemption.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 This circular is only valid for 2021 any extension to this date will only be considered if face to face parades have not been able to resume 1st November 2021.
- 4.2 Consideration will also be given to Groups who have resumed face to face parades but are forced to cease due to Government restrictions.
- 4.3 As stated last year we are in a different world at present, and we must adapt and adjust keeping in mind the morale and welfare of our cadets. Promotion of cadets who have proven themselves worthy of promotion should not be held back during these trying times.



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Acting Federal Field Commissioner
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