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## **POLICY 3.8**

### **FORMING A NEW CADET CORPS**

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#### **POLICY**

1. This Policy defines in broad terms the steps required in the formation of an Army Cadet Corps which is described in more detail in The Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Cadet Organizations (QR Cadets), Article 2 and the Cadet Administrative and Training Orders (CATO) 11-10.

#### **ASSUMPTIONS**

2. The Army Cadet Movement is a community based youth movement funded by the Government of Canada and delivered by the Canadian Forces.

3. The Royal Canadian Army Cadets is an organization whose members solely are composed of youth between the ages of 12 and 18 (a cadet can no longer be a member upon reaching their 19th birthday).

4. The decision to apply to form a cadet corps is usually taken in a community by interested citizens. This decision is based on the following conditions being present:

- a. A local service club or organization that is prepared to act as the Sponsor and provide support;
- b. The availability of a suitable training facility;
- c. Interest from at least four individuals who are qualified to instruct Army Cadets;
- d. A youth population that can maintain membership of approximately 50 cadets with at least 30 youth prepared to join;

#### **PROCESS**

5. The first step is to contact the provincial or territorial Branch of the Army cadet League of Canada who will arrange a meeting with the interested parties in the community. The considerations that will be discussed in addition to those in para. 4. above, are, but not limited to:

- a. The financial ability of the proposed Sponsor of the Cadet corps to provide (in addition to other things) accommodation for a training area, secure storage of supplies and an office.
- b. The availability of competent and/or qualified persons to become instructors and Cadet Instructor Cadre officers.
- c. The cost to DND in operating the corps in relation to the benefit to the youth in the community.



6. If the above considerations indicate that the cadet corps will potentially be successful, the League representative will report this to the Branch President who will then request that an Officer from the Regional Cadet Support Unit (RCSU) pay a visit to the community to further discuss the opportunity. Based on this visit, the viability of the new cadet corps can be assessed by the community representatives, the Army Cadet League and the military. A decision can be made whether to continue with the creation of the cadet corps. From this point on the process will be managed in this three-way partnership (League / CF / Local Sponsor) and will follow Government/DND procedures and regulations.

**SEE ALSO FOLLOWING LINKS AND REFERENCES**

A. QR Cadets:

[HTTP://WWW.CADETS.CA/ DOCS/QR-CADETS/QR CDTS/2.20-2.29 B.PDF](http://www.cadets.ca/docs/qr-cadets/qr_cdts/2.20-2.29_b.pdf)

B. CATO 11-10 Cadet Corps Formation, Affiliation, Designation, Sponsor, etc.

[HTTP://WWW.CADETS.CA/SUPPORT/CATO-OAIC/INTRO E.ASP?CATO=11-10](http://www.cadets.ca/support/cato-oaic/intro_e.asp?cato=11-10)