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Reply to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email dated 24 June regarding the eligibility criteria for Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) in which you seek further information.

Please accept my apology for not clarifying which of the documents you listed was 'the Authoritative one'. The overarching or authoritative document for allowances policy is JSP752 (Tri-Service Regulations for Expenses and Allowances). Of the documents that you referred to, the DIN would have represented the overall authority, only until the next opportunity at which the JSP could be updated; this is indicated in para 7 of the DIN which states:

"7. The regulations contained in JSP752 will be amended to reflect the changes outlined within this DIN effective from 1 August 2013. When amended, JSP752 will have primacy over this DIN."

On your supplementary question as to why the the CEA Governance Team (CEAGT) can overturn the decision by a Commanding Officer (CO) and the Assignment Authority (AA) if both consider a Service Person to be mobile, it is not possible to explain why this would occur without knowing the specific circumstances of any case. Ultimately, it is the CEAGT that allows the prospective claimant to claim CEA, so presumably it would have some knowledge of the claimant's potential eligibility that the CO or AA does not. Alternatively it may not agree with the justification provided by the CO is support of borderline cases.

I hope this explains the situation satisfactorily for you, but I also remind you that if a Service person disagrees with a decision made regarding their eligibility to any allowance, they are entitled to submit casework requesting a review of the decision. Such a review could not be appropriately considered by this line of correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat