

Ethical principles and obligations

The Canadian Forces and the Department of National Defence have a special responsibility for the defence of Canada. This responsibility is fulfilled through a commitment by the department and its employees, and the Canadian Forces and its members, to the following ethical principles and obligations:

PRINCIPLES

RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL PERSONS
SERVE CANADA BEFORE SELF
OBEY AND SUPPORT LAWFUL AUTHORITY

OBLIGATIONS

Integrity

- We give precedence to ethical principles and obligations in our decisions and actions. We respect all ethical obligations deriving from applicable laws and regulations. We do not condone unethical conduct.

Loyalty

- We fulfill our commitments in a manner that best serves Canada, DND and the CF.

Courage

- We face challenges, whether physical or moral, with determination and strength of character.

Honesty

- We are truthful in our decisions and actions. We use resources appropriately and in the best interests of the Defense mission.

Fairness

- We are just and equitable in our decisions and actions.

Responsibility

- We perform our tasks with competence, diligence and dedication. We are accountable for and accept the consequences of our decisions and actions. We place the welfare of others ahead of our personal interests.