

## **Subject: Cadet Clothing Budget - Orders Frozen for FY 13/14 and Gym Gear No Longer Scaled**

Good afternoon,

1. Two weeks ago, it was announced that the National Procurement Oversight Committee approved an in-year reduction of the overall CAF clothing program and directed DSSPM to initiate the reduction as soon as possible. Although this reduction was not specifically intended to impact the cadet program, the cadet clothing program was reduced by \$2M. Unfortunately, this reduction coincided with the peak ordering season for our Corps and Squadrons.
2. On 1 Nov 13, the cadet clothing program reaching its maximum allocation for FY 13/14 before the points could be redistributed as intended. To that end, **all units (Corps, Squadrons and CSTC's) are to immediately cease placing any additional clothing orders on the Logistik Unicorp C3 contract until further notice.** Orders currently in the queue that have not been filled will most likely be cancelled.
3. In the short term, Corps and Squadrons should continue to utilize existing stock to the fullest extent, making the reuse of used clothing and recovery of clothing from cadets exiting the program a priority. Our staff at the local level have done a great job in this aspect in the past, which will prove instrumental for our Corps and Squadrons moving forward.
4. Additionally, DCdts and JCR has announced that gym gear (running shoes, t-shirt and gym short) will no longer be provided as a scale of issue item for Cadets. DCdts and JCR will carry out a study at a future date for a possible replacement. **CSTCs and Corps/Squadron COs are to cease placing cadet gym gear orders effective this date.** Cadets are now expected to provide their own personal gym gear for any activities requiring such clothing. The scales of issue for gym gear will be deleted shortly and Logistik Unicorp will be directed to cease filling any gym gear orders placed by CCO units.
5. Disposal instructions for on-hand stock of gym gear will be communicated under separate cover by the RC Sup O, Lt (N) Kennard once the full scope of this change is known.
6. The initial issue of the Field Training Uniforms (FTUs) to the Army Cadet Corps is unaffected by the above changes as this procurement is being done under a separate contract. Those Corps who have not placed their FTU orders (jacket and pants) with Logistik Unicorp have until 15 Nov 13 to do so. No further deadline extensions will be granted in order to ensure delivery prior to 31 Mar 14.
7. It is unclear at this time what funding levels for the Cadet Clothing Program will be in FY 14/15. That said, every effort will be made to keep you and your staff apprised as information becomes available.
8. These changes present some unique challenges for our organization in the coming months not least of which will be ensuring they do not overshadow the great work being done as we continue to deliver a fantastic youth program to our communities across the province. We will be relying on the excellent level of cooperation, sharing of resources and team work in place across Central Region to minimize the impact on our cadets as we move forward.

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