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## DFRDB UPDATE - JULY 2020

### Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic persists, and many have been impacted.

This update is another short one, but it is significant.

### CDDA Application

We have seen several replies to CDDA claims, and the fundamental basis for rejection is always the legal interpretation of the wording of the Act and the financial modelling cited in the Ombudsman's report, which now appears to have become Government policy.

Herb has still heard nothing regarding his claim.

### Legal Action

In [Request for Amendment of the DFRDB Act](#) we have asked for:

1. The amendment of the DFRDB Act;
2. The recalculation of the retirement pay reduction for recipients yet to reach Schedule 3 life expectancy;
3. The refund of all retirement pay and invalidity pay reductions which exceed the amount commuted; and
4. The restoration of the relativity of DFRDB benefits to the rates of those benefits at the time of retirement.

If it is rejected, we will take it to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

### Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

We have already had many Ex-Service Organizations (ESO's) sign up to our MOU, including some state and regional bodies that are subordinate to National groups, and we thank each one of them. However, we still do not have the critical mass we need. If you are an ESO, we ask you to give some thought to signing up to our non-binding MOU.

You can download the MOU by clicking on this link:

[https://adfra.org/docPDF/ADFRA Memorandum of Understanding 1.pdf](https://adfra.org/docPDF/ADFRA%20Memorandum%20of%20Understanding%201.pdf)

Stay safe.

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