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Organization Chart	Israel: Israeli military cards and booklets, including issuing authority, renewal process, and the language in which they are written; whether documentation is issued to conscientious objectors and individuals who appear before a military tribunal	
Employment		
Legal and Policy		
References	Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa	
Publications		
Tribunal	1. Military Cards and Booklets	
Refugee Protection Division	Information about Israeli military cards and booklets was scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, the Head of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Israel Defense Forces' Personnel Directorate provided the information that follows, through correspondence with the Canadian embassy in Israel (Israel 8 Jan. 2012). The embassy requested the information on behalf of the Research Directorate (ibid.).	
Immigration Division		
Immigration Appeal Division		
Decisions		
Forms	There are various types of military cards, including different types of honourable discharge cards, and every card has a different colour (ibid.).	
Statistics		
Research	2. Documentation Related to Conscientious Objectors	
Research Program	The <i>Pinkas Hoger</i> military record is issued by the MEITAV [the military unit] on the day of recruitment (ibid.). The Pinkas Hoger does not indicate the soldier's rank during the mandatory service period (ibid.). If the Pinkas Hoger is lost or stolen and needs to be replaced, the soldier is tried by a lieutenant colonel or an officer with a higher rank (ibid.). The Pinkas Hoger is reissued at offices located in the country's major cities (ibid.).	
National Documentation Packages		
Issue Papers and Country Fact Sheets	Career servicemen such as officers and non-commissioned officers have a different type of card that specifies their rank (ibid.). It is a different colour from the Pinkas Hoger (ibid.). These cards are automatically renewed upon promotion to a higher rank or in "cases of wear and tear" (ibid.).	
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Recent Research	Honourable discharge documents are issued under the Personnel Directorate, Human Resources Planning and Management Division, Reserve Human Resources Planning Branch (ibid.).	
Media Centre		
News		
Information Sheets	Call-up notices are issued only in the Hebrew language, but assistance is available at the draft centre for those that require it (ibid.).	
Media Relations		
Transparency		
Completed Access to Information	"In cases of conscientious objectors and allegations of disobedience,"	

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background information, such as psychological evaluations and complaint forms, is entered into a computer system (Israel 8 Jan. 2012). The Israel Defence Forces "doesn't currently issue personnel files" (ibid.).

3. Documentation Issued in Connection with Military Tribunals

To access judgements made by a military or other tribunal,

[s]oldiers, who appear before a tribunal and serve time in prison in the army context, are able to obtain a copy of the decision by the military tribunal or the court martial by contacting the relevant tribunal's secretariat. (Israel 8 Jan. 2012)

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

Reference

Israel. 8 January 2012. Israel Defense Forces. Correspondence from the Head of the Foreign Affairs Office, Personnel Directorate, to the Embassy of Canada to Israel in Tel Aviv. Sent to the Research Directorate by the Embassy of Canada to Israel, 8 January 2012.

Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: Attempts to contact a representative of War Resisters' International were unsuccessful.

Internet sites, including: Association for Civil Rights in Israel; Center for Strategic and International Studies; *ecoi.net*; Factiva; GlobalSecurity.org; *Haaretz*; Israel — Israel Defense Forces, Ministry of Defence; *Jane's Intelligence Review*; *Jane's Terrorism and Security Monitor*; *Middle East Review of International Affairs*; Middle East Studies Association; United Nations Refworld; War Resisters' International.


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