

Minister approves new ranks for Warrant Officers

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The Minister of Defence, Mr Mosiuoa Lekota, approved the new warrant officers ranks in the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) that came into effect on 1 June 2008.

According to the new ranks, Warrant Officer Level 1 (WO1) became Master Chief Warrant Officer (MCWO), addressed as Master Chief

Warrant Officer.


Warrant Officer Level 2 (WO2) became Senior Chief Warrant Officer (SCWO), addressed as Senior Chief Warrant Officer.

Warrant Officer Level 3 became Chief Warrant Officer (CWO), addressed as Chief Warrant Officer.

Warrant Officer Level 4A became Master Warrant Officer (MWO), addressed as Master Warrant Officer.

Warrant Officer Level 4 became Senior Warrant Officer (SWO), addressed as Senior Warrant Officer.

In an interview with SA Soldier, the Master Chief Warrant Officer of the SANDF, MCWO Frederik Johannes Strauss Scheepers, said the new ranks were aimed at providing an extended career path for warrant officers in the SANDF.

"The new ranks are substantive and no longer relate only to an appointment to a post. Once appointed to a post, the warrant officer is also promoted and can no longer revert to the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1," said MCWO Scheepers. 



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