**Conscientious objection to military service**

According to the Polish law, due to the religious or moral convictions, individual who is conscript on compulsory military service is entitled to apply for doing his/her duty in alternative non-combatant service.

The law prescribes two possible cases, when the applicant is entitled to do an alternative non-combatant service, instead of regular compulsory military service. Firstly, if the military service is in contrast with religion practised by the applicant. In that case, the application need to contain the applicants declaration on practiced religion, information about the doctrine of the practiced religion, which the military service is in contrast with and evidences that applicant worships that religion. Secondly, if the applicant’s conviction stays in contrast with the military service. In that case the applicant is required only to point out his/her moral conviction which is in contrast with military service.

The application is considered by the Alternative Non-Combatant Service Voivodeship Committee, which is appointed by the Voivodeship Marshal. At least two members of the Committee are required to be educated in religion studies or ethic. The applicant is entitled to appeal from the Voivodeship Committee decision, within 14 days from the day when he/she obtains the decision. In the second instance, the application is considered by the Alternative Non-Combatant Service Committee, which is appointed by the ministry competent for the labour issues. The applicant cannot be called up for military service before obtaining the final decision. The applicant is entitled to apply again for doing his/her duty in alternative non-combatant service after a period of 6 months.

An alternative combatant service consists in working with disable people, homeless, work in environmental protection sector, health care system, or doing other social works. An individual can serve in a state or other public benefit organization.

**It is worth mentioning, that nowadays analysed provisions are not exercised, because the compulsory military service has been suspended.**