

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDANCE AT ACSC

1. The course requires a high level of written and oral English language skills, including participation in lectures and syndicate sessions (as opposed to attendance). Shortcomings in both language and study abilities usually compound each other and also lessen a student's ability to contend with other issues associated with a course of study. The students starting the course should have a minimum ADF English Language Profiling System (ADFELPS) score of 7 in speaking, reading, listening and writing to equate with the university standard of the course.
2. The ADC strongly recommends that selected candidates attend the Defence International Training Centre (DITC) in Melbourne, for a four-month intensive Advanced Australian English Language Course (AAELC) and a three-week Australian familiarisation (AUSTFAMIL) before undertaking the ACSC. Attendance on the ACSC is conditional upon the prospective student first meeting the stringent language prerequisites. For attendance on the DITC course, candidates should have achieved an ADFELPS score of no less than 6 from a test undertaken in the last two years. The DITC program can only hope to increase a candidate's score by one point.
3. Attendance at the DITC will assist in the development of the necessary English language and Australian cultural awareness skills for those who may need assistance before the course commences. Students arriving at DITC with scores below 6 must be prepared to accept either being repatriated from the DITC or having considerable difficulty in keeping pace with the ACSC. **For those students who meet the language requirements it is strongly recommended they attend the ADC Prep course in order to prepare them for study at the post graduate level.**
4. Those personnel scoring 7.0 or above in the ADFELPS are advised to:
 - a. attend a three week familiarisation course (AUSTFAMIL) before undertaking the ACSC. The AUSTFAMIL course will be conducted from 27 October 2008 to 14 November 2008.
 - b. attend the Defence International Training Centre (DITC) in Melbourne for the ADC Preparation Course (ADC PREP). The ADC PREP course will be conducted from 17 November 2008 to 12 December 2008 and will help prepare course members to study at the post graduate level.
5. Those personnel scoring less than 7.0 (ie 6.0) in the ADFELPS are advised to:
 - a. attend DITC for a three week familiarisation course (AUSTFAMIL). The AUSTFAMIL course will be conducted from 28 July-15 August 2008.
 - b. attend a three month intensive Advanced Australian English Language Course (AAELC), the AAELC will be conducted from 18 August 2008 to 15 November 2008
 - c. attend the ADC Preparation Course prior to attendance at ACSC. The ADC PREP course will be conducted from 17 November 2008 to 12 December 2008 for personnel attending the 2009 Course.
6. Course members attending under the provisions of the Defence Cooperation Program (DCP) will attend these courses free of charge. Non-DCP course members will be required to meet all costs

associated with attendance at this course. Please contact the ADC ILO for further details if you wish to attend this course.

Please Note. ADFELPS scores bear no relationship to IELTS or TOEFL scores and are not recognised by the contracted Australian university for entry into their masters program. This is because ADFELPS is not assessing the ability to undertake post- graduate academic work but rather to assess and assist personnel to be able to fully engage in the selected defence course they are to attend.