

# Advanced Australian English Language Course (Australian Defence College) (AAELC-ADC)



### Aim

The aim of the Advanced Australian English Language Course (AAELC-ADC) is to prepare Defence Cooperation Program (DCP) personnel linguistically, culturally and academically for participation in training or employment in courses or fields requiring:

- a high level of proficiency in the English language;
- well developed study and research skills;
- effective group and individual communication skills; and
- a good understanding of the characteristics and the work environment of the target course.

### Description

The AAELC-ADC is designed to provide overseas students with specific language skills and military knowledge to prepare them for their target courses. Typically, graduates from the AAELC-ADC will attend the Australian Command and Staff Course (ACSC) or the Defence and Strategic Studies Course (DSSC) at the Australian Defence College (ADC) at Weston Creek, ACT.

The AAELC-ADC is run once each year for four months. Students are expected to have completed an intermediate-level English course in-country to ensure that maximum benefit is gained from the AAELC-ADC. Much of the teaching on the course is directed towards preparation for the target course. Students are expected to attend an Australian and Military Familiarisation Course (AUSTFAMIL) or Admin and Reception Period Famil (ARPF) before the AAELC-ADC.

For those personnel who are above the required ADFELPS entry level for the AAELC-ADC, it is recommended that they attend the Australian Defence College (ADC) Preparation Course (ADC PREP), at DITC. The ADC PREP is a four-week intensive speaking and writing skills course. The course aims to familiarise overseas personnel with the academic and linguistic requirements of the ADC training environment.

### Role

Following the formal adoption of Joint Directive 4/94, Defence Instruction (General) PERS 05-13 was produced to specify the DITC role, tasks and administrative procedures. DITC has been assigned the following role:

*to enhance the training provided in Australia to South East Asian and South Pacific defence force and other selected overseas personnel. This is achieved by facilitating the integration of those personnel into Australian Defence Organisation (ADO) training systems, and fostering and promoting cross-cultural awareness between members of the ADO and foreign military personnel.*

### Location

DITC is located at the RAAF base at Laverton, Victoria in Australia. It is located close to the centre of Melbourne. Access to the city is by train, car, taxi or bus. Melbourne offers a multicultural environment. Shops, sports venues, art galleries, cinemas, theatres, concert halls, exhibitions, restaurants and places of worship welcome the DITC students in their off-duty hours.

All students have access to well-trained staff, computers, a specialist library, modern classrooms and excellent recreational facilities. At DITC, students enjoy comfortable accommodation purpose-designed for study.

### Course particulars

**Number of students/course:**

18

**Length of course (working days):**

60

**Minimum ADFELPS on entry:**

S-6 L-6 R-6 W-6

**ADFELPS on graduation:**

S-7 L-7 R-7 W-7

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