

DITC Course Information Bulletin

ADFELPS Rater Training Course (ARTC)

Aim

The ADFELPS Rater Training Course (ARTC) is designed to graduate personnel capable of assessing English language proficiency using the Australian Defence Force English Language Profiling System (ADFELPS).

Description

The ARTC is a 10 day in-service course for personnel who are experienced English language teachers, preferably with experience teaching across a range of levels from beginners to intermediate. Priority will be given to candidates who have completed Methodology of English Language Teaching Course (MELT) with two years of post-MELT classroom experience. Attendance on an Australian and Military Familiarisation Course (AUSTFAMIL) or Admin and Reception Period Famil (ARPF) for 5 days prior to ARTC is recommended.

The course provides theoretical and practical instruction in the application of the ADFELPS. This is an assessed course and successful graduates will be accredited to conduct English language proficiency tests using ADFELPS.

An ARTC is usually conducted at DITC in the second half of the year, as a stand-alone course. To maintain a valid accreditation status, every year a rater must successfully complete a Reaccreditation Package administered by the local ALA or equivalent.

The linguistic demands of the course necessitate a minimum ADFELPS rating of 7 in each macro-skill (speaking, listening, reading and writing) for non-native speakers of English to attend an ARTC.

The ADFELPS Rater website, at www.ditc.net.au/adfelpsonline provides online support for raters; and the Virtual Online Language Learning Site (VOLLS), at www.ditc.net.au provides models of test materials.

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

Length of course (working days):

10

Minimum ADFELPS on entry:

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