

Australian and Military Familiarisation Course (AUSTFAMIL)



Aim

The aim of the AUSTFAMIL course is to prepare Defence Cooperation Program (DCP) personnel culturally, administratively and militarily for courses in Australia.

Description

The AUSTFAMIL course is conducted 49 times a year and each course runs for two weeks. The course provides a period of familiarisation with the Australian general and military environment. It is designed to allow overseas students to adjust to the Australian culture, language, climate and military environment before attending their target course. Of necessity, most of the course focuses on the task of cultural familiarisation and providing opportunities to students to improve their Australian English listening and speaking skills. Time does not permit intensive language teaching so students arriving on the AUSTFAMIL are expected to have reached the prerequisite language proficiency entry standards for their target courses.

Typical Scheduling. The normal training schedule consists of 49 AUSTFAMIL courses a year. The first course starts on the first Monday following the DITC stand-down period for Christmas/New Year holidays. There are no intakes in December.

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:

20

**Number of students per year
(average):**

300

Length of course (working days):

10

Minimum ADFELPS on entry:

Must match target course profile prior to panelling on AUSTFAMIL

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