

Defence Scholarship Familiarisation (DSF)



Aim

The aim of the Defence Scholarship Familiarisation course (DSF) is to prepare Defence Cooperation Program (DCP) personnel awarded with a Defence Postgraduate Scholarship for the demands of tertiary study. The DSF focuses on developing the candidates' English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and study skills as well as their awareness of the teaching and learning styles characteristic of Australian tertiary institutions.

Description

Any international Defence personnel selected for attendance on post-graduate studies at an Australian university or the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is eligible for the DSF once they have been accepted by a university and have passed the prerequisite IELTS requirements for entry to his/her postgraduate course.

Prior to arrival at DITC, personnel should have demonstrated an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score of 6.5 (no score lower than 6 in speaking, listening, reading and writing).

The DSF provides specific language and study skills to prepare selected DCP personnel for attendance at Australian universities and ADFA post-graduate courses. It concentrates primarily on developing academic writing skills and public speaking skills.

After completing the DSF, students move to their selected universities and are managed by IDP Australia on behalf of the Australian Defence Organisation.

The DSF is in lieu of attendance on an Australian and Military Familiarisation (AUSTFAMIL).

The DSF is usually conducted in January prior to the Semester One university intake. It lasts for four weeks including one week ARPF and three weeks EAP.

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:

8 (minimum)

18 (maximum)

Length of course (working days):

20 (including ARPF)

Minimum IELTS on entry:

Must have an appropriate IELTS pass obtained in-country and prior acceptance of Australian University or ADFA placement before being panelled on DSF

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