

Special Language Bridging Course (SLBC)



Aim

The aim of Special Language Bridging Courses (SLBC) is to prepare small numbers of students in specific language skills required for target course training.

Description

SLBC are designed for a particular specialisation and are delivered at DITC to a small number of students before these students attend their target course. Student numbers vary between 2 (minimum) and 15 (maximum) and the duration of the SLBC is determined by:

- the language skills required by the target course,
- the language proficiency of the students,
- availability of DITC instructional staff
- availability of accommodation, and
- other organisational requirements.

Students should have completed the AELC (Intermediate Phase) or be minimum ADFELPS S – 6, L – 6, R – 6 and W – 6 before attending the SLBC and attendance on the Australian and Military Familiarisation Course (AUSTFAMIL) or Admin and Reception Period Famil (ARPF) preceding it is a prerequisite. While each course is tailored for the group, the courses are retained at DITC for future use. Currently an SLBC exists for the Flying Instructor Course (FIC).

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:

Variable

Length of course (working days):

As required

Minimum ADFELPS on entry:

Depends on the target course entry level

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