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# DEFENCE & INDUSTRY STUDY COURSE



## 2006 PROSPECTUS

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Future leaders from industry, Defence and other Government agencies are invited to consider nominating for a unique national program.

The Defence & Industry Study Course (DISC) is run annually by Australia's biggest project and engineering services organisation, the Defence Materiel Organisation, which acquires and sustains equipment for the Australian Defence Force.

Through a series of seminars and visits to ADF and industry facilities, DISC participants will gain an unparalleled opportunity to see first-hand how Defence and defence industry operate in Australia, and to apply that knowledge in their own organisation.

The program aims to enhance mutual understanding between Defence and the business community in a manner that can contribute to higher quality outcomes for both. It seeks to create and maintain business and personal networks that can be used in times of rapid Australian Defence Force mobilisation or expansion.

Personal commitment to the course is about 20 days, including three six-day modules spread over approximately ten months. Due to the intensive nature of each Module, all activities are compulsory; nominees will be assumed to have taken all reasonable steps to ensure their availability before nominating.

Course Objectives:

- To provide an overview of current and future strategy and policy relating to the defence of the nation, focussing on the higher level policies and tasks of the Department of Defence.

- To provide an understanding of the structure, roles and tasks of the Department of Defence, the Defence Materiel Organisation, the three Services, and their inter-relationship in the defence of Australia.
- To provide an understanding of Australian industry, and the relationships between the customer, prime contractor and small to medium enterprises, in a competitive environment.
- To explore the relationship between Defence and industry, working to meet ADF capability requirements, including emerging partnership arrangements.
- To highlight the capability of industry and Defence working together to meet rapid acquisition requirements of the ADF in its operational role.

To achieve these objectives, a modular structure has been designed around three key themes:

- **National Policy and Strategy:** This first Module will be held in Canberra in June, coinciding with the Defence+Industry Conference 2006; DISC participants will attend most elements of the Conference program including an exclusive evening function with senior Defence and Government executives. Throughout this Module, participants will undertake a series of seminars and workshops focussing on current and future policy and strategy relating to the defence of the nation, as well as visits to local industry facilities to discuss their strategic planning and interaction with Defence.
- **The Australian Defence Force:** Module 2 will consist of visits to ADF and some industry facilities in NSW and Queensland during September or October 2006. Participants will receive briefings on the structure, roles and challenges facing various elements of the ADF, as well as hands-on activities during which there will be ample opportunity to interact with the men and women of the ADF at work using and maintaining various platforms.
- **Industrial Support for Defence:** Module 3 will focus on visits to industry and some Defence facilities in

South Australia and Victoria in February or March 2007. Participants will visit a range of organisations from Primes to SMEs, and receive briefings on their relationships with Defence and each other, as well as hands-on activities during which some innovative solutions to capability requirements will be on display.



## The Business Advantage

Benefits to the participant and their organisation will include in-depth knowledge of Defence and its relationship with industry. The Course also facilitates significant networking opportunities, including access to Defence's senior decision makers.

On completion, participants will be able to apply in their own organisation an understanding of the following:

- The strategic priorities of Government and senior Defence executives.
- How Defence interacts with and is accountable to Government.
- The processes by which Defence identifies its capability needs, gaps and options.
- How Defence acquires and sustains equipment, systems and facilities, including processes for Government approval of Defence proposals, soliciting responses from industry, and acquisition and through life support of weapon systems.
- How various parts of Defence operate, including familiarity with selected elements of the Navy, Army and RAAF, Defence Science and Technology Organisation, Capability Development Group, the Defence Materiel Organisation and Joint Logistic Command.
- A range of specific issues in capability, acquisition, support, logistics and industry policy, including procurement reform and risk management in complex projects.
- Perspectives of users of equipment and systems supplied by industry.
- Examples of industry best practice in delivering ADF capability.
- Factors likely to affect industry's capability to support the ADF in future.

At the end of the DISC, participants will be invited to join the Defence and Industry Courses Association (DAICA), which enables graduates to maintain contact with colleagues from their course and from past and future courses.

All DISC participants will be members of a select group of business men and women, members of the Australian Defence Force and Government officials, who truly understand the complex relationship between Defence and industry.

## Nomination and Selection

Nomination is open to Australian citizens who are:

- Senior managers of companies engaged in business with the Australian Defence Organisation or with a strategy to do so; or
- Senior members of the ADF (LTCOL to BRIG), Defence employees (Executive 1 to SES Band 1) and contractors fulfilling equivalent roles; or
- Employees of other Australian Government and State and Territory agencies, at executive / senior executive level.

Selection is a two-stage process.

- Pre-selection and nomination by an executive of nominee's organisation.
- Final selection by Defence after consideration by the DISC Advisory Committee, comprising Defence and industry representatives.

Candidates should be nominated by their employer after considering their future leadership potential and ability to apply the knowledge and networks gained during the DISC in the workplace. In the case of a business, the nominating officer or sponsor should be the CEO, Managing Director, proprietor, group manager or other senior executive. In the case of Defence or a Government agency, candidates should be nominated by their unit or formation commander, branch head, or the senior representative in a region.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Defence Materiel Organisation by **30 March 2006**. Places are limited, timely applications are strongly encouraged. Should a course not be fully subscribed, late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the DISC Advisory Committee.



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## Cost and Payment Methods

The fee of \$9000 (GST inclusive) includes travel to and from the course, all accommodation, catering and travel during DISC activities, free attendance at the Defence+Industry Conference in June 2006 as part of Module 1, and one year's free individual membership of the Defence and Industry Courses Association.

**Payment is not required at time of nomination -** successful nominees will be issued with a Tax Invoice before the commencement of Module 1.

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Please complete the form below  
and return by **30 March 2006** to:  
**Defence & Industry Study Course**  
**Defence Materiel Organisation**  
**Russell Offices (R2-5-B112)**  
**Canberra ACT 2600**  
**Fax: 02 6265 2080**

## Nomination Form

### Personal Details

Title or rank (eg Ms, Mr, Dr, BRIG) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Other names (in full): \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Company/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of kin name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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