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Industry Engagement **UPDATE**

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TOOLKIT

End of Financial Year **Is your business prepared?**

The end of the financial year is an important time for your business. You'll need to complete bookkeeping, tax returns and plan for the new financial year.

Business.gov.au has developed a checklist to help you prepare, get your business organised and work smarter in the year ahead.

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Australian Taxation Office **Supporting small businesses series**

Want to improve your skills in business planning, finances, record keeping and registration, tax and super management? Or just understand what you need to know to start a small business? The ATO is hosting a series of national Masterclasses over the coming months with tips to help businesses succeed.

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Department of Finance

Workshops for businesses on selling to the Australian Government



The Department of Finance provides free online and in-person **workshops for businesses and industry**. These workshops are aimed at businesses of all sizes and capabilities and aim to increase direct engagement between Finance and industry as well as help businesses lift their competitive procurement capabilities.

The next workshop themed 'Building your best tender response' will provide businesses with practical steps for developing tender responses and build their understanding of the process of developing and lodging a tender submissions.



Tuesday 22 July 2025, 1200–1300 AEST



Sydney Masonic Centre

For further information, contact sellingtogov@finance.gov.au

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Defence and Industry Study Course (DISC)

Learning and Development

Defence and Industry Study Course is underway for 2025

The Defence and Industry Study Course kicked off in May with participants from both Defence and industry engaging in a variety of activities ranging from collaborative exercises to site visits, with **module one focusing on 'Land – Army'**.

The group heard from Senior Executives from Army and industry relating to Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance (GWEO), Land Systems Division and the Diggerworks Innovation Centre. The course participated in site visits to companies involved in manufacturing, technology and innovation.

A highlight was having the opportunity to stay in Puckapunyal barracks, giving participants the experience of how soldiers live. The group also observed multiple demonstrations of land vehicles and maintenance facilities on a large scale.



Module 2 will see participants travel to Western Australia and Adelaide in July with a **focus on Maritime**.

ACCC

Resources for small business owners

The ACCC has launched a new small business web page. It brings together key information, tools and guidance to **help you understand your rights and responsibilities** when dealing with customers, competitors and suppliers.

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Australian Signals Directorate

Implementing SIEM / SOAR platforms in your organisation

The Australian Signals Directorate has released a series of publications about **procuring and implementing Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)**, and **Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR)** platforms. The publications are targeted at executives and IT practitioners to help entities navigate decision-making around the procurement and implementation of these platforms.

Implementing SIEM and/or SOAR platforms can great benefit your organisation by collecting, centralising, and analysing important data that would otherwise be extremely complex and scattered. The platforms also help your organisation detect cyber security events and incidents and then prompt timely intervention through alerting and ensuring that incident responders have access to the data that records what happened.

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Business grants Industry Growth Program

This program helps Australian SMEs scale by providing expert **advisory services** and **access to grants**. Businesses can receive tailored advice on commercialisation, growth strategies and funding options.

Eligible businesses may apply for grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$5 million, and must be:

- Producing innovative products or services aimed at commercial growth.
- Significantly raising manufacturing capability in an area outlined by the **National Reconstruction Fund**.

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Tasmania

Defence Industry Tender Support Program TAS

This program supports **Tasmanian-based advanced manufacturers and technology enterprises** to seek specialist bid and tender writing **consultants to support the preparation of defence tenders**.

There are two tiers of assistance:

- Procurement value of \$3 million to \$10 million (maximum grant \$15,000)
- Procurement value of over \$10 million (maximum grant \$30,000)

Note: Please check your eligibility for financial assistance.

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Industry Tools

Is your business Defence ready? Test your Defence preparedness and capabilities

Designed to support SMEs, the **Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT)** helps businesses assess to test their 'Defence preparedness' and capabilities prior to entering the Defence supply chain.

The tool will help to identify:

- Where your business is at in its journey to becoming a supplier to Defence,
- What capability gaps your business might have, and
- How the **Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS)** can help your business.



Test your readiness today!

START ASSESSMENT



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WA Maritime

Design of the Henderson Defence Precinct commences



The establishment of a consolidated Commonwealth-owned Defence Precinct at Henderson, Western Australia is one-step closer.

An Invitation to Register (ITR) for a design services consultancy was released on AusTender on 30 May 2025, inviting industry to work with Defence to develop an initial master plan for the Precinct. The ITR closed on 26 June 2025. Defence will now down select and invite suitably qualified and experienced organisations to submit a tender for the design works.

In parallel, market sounding activities will gauge industry's interest, capacity and ability to design, invest in and operate the precinct across a range of sectors. One of Defence's largest ever infrastructure projects, activities at Henderson will boost industries in WA, including in engineering, logistics and the supply chain, and creating thousands of jobs over the next two decades.

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The Career Network

Defence Industry Internship Program

The Defence Industry Internship Program (DIIP) is a Commonwealth-funded initiative of the Department of Defence.

The program provides third and fourth-year engineering and technology university students with **direct connections to the defence industry** by facilitating a **12-week paid internship** in small to medium defence industry businesses across Australia. SMEs receive intern wage reimbursements plus an additional \$547 per week per intern.

Due to an overwhelming response to the host employer EOI, DIIP is now only seeking applications from businesses located in the Northern Territory and Tasmania. To be eligible, organisations must be a SME operating in the Australian defence industry and employ fewer than 200 staff. Interested eligible SME's are requested to contact diipenquiries@thecareernetwork.com.au to directly express their interest.

Intern applications open 28 July 2025 and close 31 August 2025.

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Brisbane Hackathon TAKHACK 2025

TAKHACK 2025 is a three-day tactical innovation hackathon that brings together veterans, operators, engineers, creators, and technologists to solve real-world operational challenges using the ATAK (Android Team Awareness Kit) platform.



22-24 August 2025



The Precinct, Fortitude Valley

Expressions of interest are open to participants, mentors and sponsors.

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Defence Industry Development Grants Program

Applications for Exports Streams closing soon

Applications for the Exports stream will close on Thursday 31 July.

The Defence Industry Development Grants (DIDG) Program funds Australian SMEs to build Australia's sovereign capability, global competitiveness, technical superiority and national security. Applications are assessed based upon (1) the extent to which the grant project will help the business contribute to one or more of the detailed Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities; (2) the business' capacity, capability and resources to deliver the grant project and potential commercial benefits. Applications must be focused on the eligible activities which are listed in section 5.1 and A.2 of the [Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

Tips before applying:

- Refer to the [DIDG guidance for applicants](#)
- Read the [Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#)
- Read the [DIDG Factsheet](#)
- [Check if you're ready to apply](#)
- Refer to the grants page for [example applications and templates](#)

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Industry Support Useful resources



AusTender

AusTender is free to use.

Use it to find Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans and contracts awarded.

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BenchOn

With one free profile, access opportunities with government agencies and Primes through **BenchOn Industry Portals**. One platform. Many insights.

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ICN Gateway

ICN Gateway is Australia and New Zealand's largest network of organisations with procurement and supply chain expertise to provide you with specialist support and advice.

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Defence Business Readiness Tool

The **Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT)** will help businesses assess their level of defence readiness. Is your business defence ready?

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Team Defence Australia Event Calendar



The premier national platform for export capable Australian defence and dual-use companies to showcase their goods and services.

DSEI

Location: London, England
Date: 9-12 September
Domain: Tri Service
EOI: 19 May-8 June

AUSA

Location: Washington DC, USA
Date: 13-15 October
Domain: Land
EOI: 16 June-6 July

Dubai Airshow

Location: Dubai, UAE
Date: 17-21 November
Domain: Aerospace
EOI: 4-17 August

Expressions of interest (EOI) are made available through the Australian Defence Export Office Industry Capability Network (ICN) page. Companies must register on ICN in order to submit an EOI.

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