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Defence Policy

Important changes to Defence's Gifts and Benefits Policy

Defence has issued an interim update to the **Defence Gifts and Benefits (including Hospitality) Receiving Policy** . According to the revised policy, Defence officials must not accept gifts, benefits or hospitality from a commercial entity or individual, where it gives rise to a conflict of interest.

This includes gifts from entities tendering for Defence work, intending to tender, or already in contract or the supply chain with Defence. Defence's expectation is that personnel will not accept such offers.

What does this mean for industry?

It is important that industry takes time to review these changes and understand Defence's expectations and the intent of the policy.

For further information, contact the Integrity Division at defence.integrity@defence.gov.au.

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Maritime Expo

Defence at Indo Pacific International Maritime Expo 2025



 4–6 November 2025  ICC Sydney

Indo Pacific 2025 is an opportunity for Australian suppliers to engage directly with program offices, the Royal Australian Navy and major partners. Defence will outline priorities in capability delivery, sustainment, innovation and the integrated maritime force.

Indo Pacific 2025 will feature Navy-led briefings, program updates, sessions with Prime contractors and Defence procurement teams, technology showcases, and panels on export, sustainment and workforce. For SMEs, it's the moment to test their fit to current Defence needs, as well as showcase solutions that lift sovereign capability and supply chain resilience.

SMEs should arrive ready to:

- State the value proposition briefly and clearly.
- Bring evidence of quality, cyber security and DISP credentials.
- Discuss cost, schedule, through-life support, and export potential.

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DISP Cyber Uplift Program

Has your business started its cyber security uplift journey?



Cyber security is a core responsibility for all DISP members to protect information and strengthen resilience against emerging cyber threats. The Essential Eight Uplift Program helps DISP members improve their cyber security posture by implementing Essential Eight mitigation strategies.

Cyber Security Questionnaire

The Cyber Security Questionnaire (CSQ) helps assess entities' cyber security maturity and posture by using 107 Essential Eight controls. It is completed as part of the mandatory Annual Security Report, and members are strongly encouraged to start early to allow time for engagement with their ICT team or managed service provider.

The CSQ can be completed on the DISP Member Portal where a copy of the questionnaire can be downloaded for reference.

Maturity Action Plan

As part of the Cyber Uplift program, DISP provides a free gap analysis service to each entity in the form of a Maturity Action Plan (MAP). The MAP is based on an entity's Cyber Security Assessment and provides a clear understanding of any Essential Eight gaps for their environment. Entities have 12 months to implement their MAP once issued.

[START YOUR CYBER UPLIFT](#)

Defence Industry Development Grants program Industry Security Grants

Did you know the Defence Industry Development Grants (DIDG) program provides **grants of up to \$100,000** to support SMEs uplift their security?

Businesses can use the findings in a Maturity Action Plan to support grant applications through the DIDG program. You may apply at any time the grants opportunities are open. Applications are assessed in batches.

The closing dates for the current batches, as well as more information on the grants program, are available on business.gov.au

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Defence Industry Security Program

Has your business submitted an Annual Security Report?

Australian businesses partnering with Defence are required to meet the conditions of DISP membership, including submission of an Annual Security Report (ASR). ASRs are a self-attestation of compliance with security obligations under **Defence Security Principle Framework (DSPF)** , and must be completed annually, within 10 business days of the anniversary of the DISP membership certificate grant date.

Timely completion of ASRs is a requirement of DISP membership. If you have an overdue ASR you are required to take urgent steps to submit your evidence of ongoing compliance. Where a member demonstrates persistent disregard for DISP requirements or fails to undertake agreed corrective actions, Defence has response options including downgrading, suspending or terminating DISP membership.

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Tasmania

Defence Industry Tender Support Program TAS

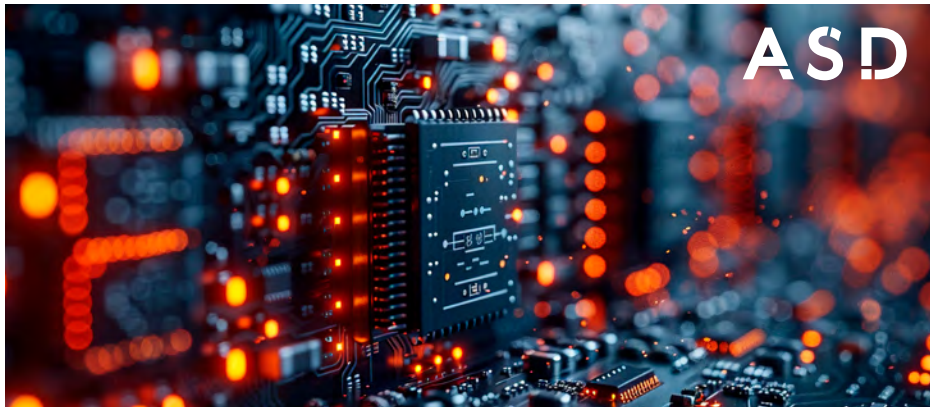
This program supports **Tasmanian-based advanced manufacturers and technology enterprises** to seek specialist bid and tender writing **consultants to support the preparation of defence tenders**.

There are two tiers of assistance:

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

Note: Please check your eligibility for financial assistance.

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New publication series

Invest now in modern defensible architecture

The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) has released a new publication series on modern defensible architecture (MDA), providing organisations with a clear pathway to begin investment and implementation.

Organisations can take practical and proactive steps in the design and build of their IT environments to significantly minimise the risk of harm to their most critical systems.

The publication series includes:

- The foundations for modern defensible architecture (updated) – written for technical security and enterprise architects. The foundation represent organisational goals or capabilities that will facilitate a more efficient adoption of zero trust technologies and architecture.
- Modern defensible architecture for senior decision makers – assists senior decision makers understand the contemporary threat landscape and how MDA can help organisations defend against current and emerging threats.
- Investing in modern defensible architecture – helps organisations to develop a modern defensible architecture investment roadmap based on their organisational strategy, business and security objectives, risk profile and threat context.

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Useful resources



AusTender

Find Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans and contracts awarded.

BenchOn

Access opportunities with government agencies and Primes One platform. Many insights.

ICN Gateway

Join ICN Gateway and gain access to Australia and New Zealand's largest network of suppliers and projects.

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Is your business
Defence ready?

Test your Defence preparedness and capabilities

Designed to support SMEs, the **Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT)** helps businesses assess 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.
- How the Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) can help your business.

TEST YOUR READINESS



Procurement Changes

Updated CPRs coming into effect on 17 November 2025

Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs) set the framework Commonwealth entities follow when buying goods and services, thereby delivering value for money, fairness and accountability for Government and taxpayers.

On 22 October 2025, the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, announced **updates to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs)**  coming into effect on 17 November 2025.

The purpose of these revisions is to provide stronger competition for SMEs, and improve access to Commonwealth procurement opportunities.

SMEs are encouraged to read and understand the changes.

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