



Industry Engagement **UPDATE**

February 2026



Registrations now open

Defence Capability Symposium 2026



Industry personnel are invited to attend the Defence Capability Symposium on **26 March 2026**, the Australian Defence Force's annual flagship event on defence industry capability.

The Symposium will feature senior Defence leaders and experts, including insights from the Vice Chief of the Defence Force on the strategic context, systematic reform and capability priorities for the year ahead. The virtual program includes keynote presentations, capability case studies and interactive panel discussions.

This event is relevant to Defence, central agencies and industry practitioners working in capability roles.

Registration is required using a valid work email address. Session recordings will be available to registered attendees after the event.

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Important program updates

Defence Industry Development Grants

The Defence Industry Development Grants (DIDG) program has updates taking effect from 2 February 2026.

Program updates include:

- Extended funding timelines for potential suppliers to Australia's nuclear-powered submarine program.
- Support for apprentices has been streamlined with increased flexibility.
- Assessment responsibilities within Defence have been modified.
- Minor edits for enhanced clarity to applicants.
- Minor changes to the application form.

The updates will not disrupt the processing of applications submitted prior to 2 February 2026, and standard processing timeframes will be maintained. Applicants are encouraged to review the updated guidelines before submitting new applications and to contact industry.grants@defence.gov.au with any questions regarding project eligibility.

Note: Unallocated funds from previous batches may be applied to upcoming batches of this program, with closing dates published on the defence industry grants website.

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Defence Industry Security Program Membership Annual Security Reporting

DISP members need to complete an **Annual Security Report** (ASR) as a requirement of DISP membership. The lodgement date is within 10 working days of your DISP membership date.

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Australian Industry Capability AIC Practitioner Course 2026



The AIC Practitioner Course brings together professionals from Defence and defence industry to foster a broader understanding of AIC requirements across the sector. The course is delivered face-to-face across Australia, with virtual options also available.

Registering on LXP Global

1. Create new account

2. On the account creation page, under "Enter your Sponsor details":

- Enter aic.training@defence.gov.au for sponsor email address.
- Leave sponsor phone number and full name blank

Enrolling in AIC Practitioner Course

Use your registered LXP Global Account to log in and visit [AIC Practitioner Course](#). When prompted, use the passcode '**AICPract2025**'.

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Australian Signals Directorate

New guidance to support secure operational technology connectivity

The Australian Signals Directorate's Australian Cyber Security Centre (ASD's ACSC), in collaboration with international partners and led by the UK's National Cyber Security Centre, has released Secure connectivity principles for Operational Technology (OT).

The guidance responds to the growing cyber threat to OT environments, particularly those supporting critical and mission-essential services. It sets out 8 practical, risk-informed principles to help organisations design, secure and manage OT connectivity.

The principles focus on reducing unnecessary exposure to networks, using secure and standardised connectivity patterns, detecting malicious activity, limiting the impact of compromise, and planning how to isolate systems when disconnection is required.

The guidance supports system owners, operators of essential services and suppliers. Organisations can apply it to existing OT environments and new deployments, scaling control to suit operational risk and maturity.

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Industry Tools

Is your business Defence ready? Take the test!

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, and
- How the Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) can help your business.



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Defence and Industry Study Course Nominations opening soon



The Defence and Industry Study Course (DISC) 2026 is a flagship professional development program bringing together senior leaders from Defence, government and industry.

Delivered across four immersive modules, DISC provides participants with firsthand **insights into Australia's defence capability, strategic environment and national security priorities**, while building enduring **cross-sector networks**.

Australian citizens with employer endorsement are encouraged to apply to be considered for this unique leadership and collaboration opportunity.

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Team Defence Australia Events Calendar

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Special Operations Forces (SOF) Week

Location: Tampa Bay, USA

Date: 18-22 May 2026

Domain: Special Forces

EOI: 6 Feb 2026

Eurosatory

Location: Paris, France

Date: 15-19 June 2026

Domain: Land

EOI: 27 Feb 2026

Farnborough Airshow

Location: Farnborough, UK

Date: 20-24 July 2026

Domain: Aerospace

EOI: 3 April 2026

Expressions of interest (EOI) are made available through the Australian Defence Export Office Industry Capability Network (ICN) page.

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