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Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets

Thinking about working overseas?

Defence is running a free webinar to provide guidance and help you understand whether you require a **Foreign Work Authorisation**.

Have you worked in a defence-related industry, research, or planning to work for or provide training to a foreign military; foreign government or foreign government-controlled entity? If so, it's important to **know your obligations** .

10 June 1330-1430 AEST

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Prefer an in-person session?

In addition to the webinar, a series of **in-person sessions** are available. A short conversation can help you understand whether any rules apply to the overseas work you are considering.

- ✔ Confidential conversations
- ✔ Anonymous questions
- ✔ No obligation to disclose plans



**DEFENCE +
INDUSTRY**
CONFERENCE 2026

ALIGNED FOR
SUCCESS

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

Program now live! Secure your place.

The **Defence + Industry (D+I) conference 2026 program** is now live and ready to connect the people, platforms and partnerships powering Australia's defence capability.

We look forward to welcoming you at the welcome reception on 30 June 2026, which provides delegates with the opportunity to engage and develop relationships across the Defence and industry community.

This year's conference features a comprehensive agenda designed to maximise engagement on key policy updates, including interactive Q&A panel sessions with senior Defence and industry presenters.

Registrations close 19 June 2026. Secure your place today!

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Welcome Reception

30 June 1800-2000 AEST
 National Convention Centre

D+I Conference

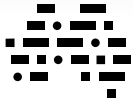
1 July 0745-1600 AEST
 National Convention Centre

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Defence Industry Security Program (DISP)

Membership Portal Enhancements

DISP is pleased to announce the successful launch of a major enhancement release to the DISP Membership Portal (DMP), co-designed with industry in direct response to member feedback. The enhanced Portal streamlines processes, expands functionality and reduces administrative effort for DISP members.

Key improvements include:

- additional user access for industry members;
- new functionality enabling Chief Security Officers (CSOs) to return submissions prior to final lodgement;
- acting CSO capabilities;
- simplified evidence management and uploads; and
- improved Annual Security Report (ASR) content and navigation.

Guidance materials, templates and training have also been consolidated within the Portal and are accessible via single sign-on

These enhancements support workload sharing across teams, improve submission quality, ensure continuity during personnel changes and provide a single, secure location for all DISP resources.

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Industry Support
Is your business Defence ready?
 The **Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT)** is designed to support SMEs test their 'Defence preparedness' and capabilities prior to commencing their journey into the Defence supply chain.

[TEST YOUR READINESS](#)

ADSTAR 2026

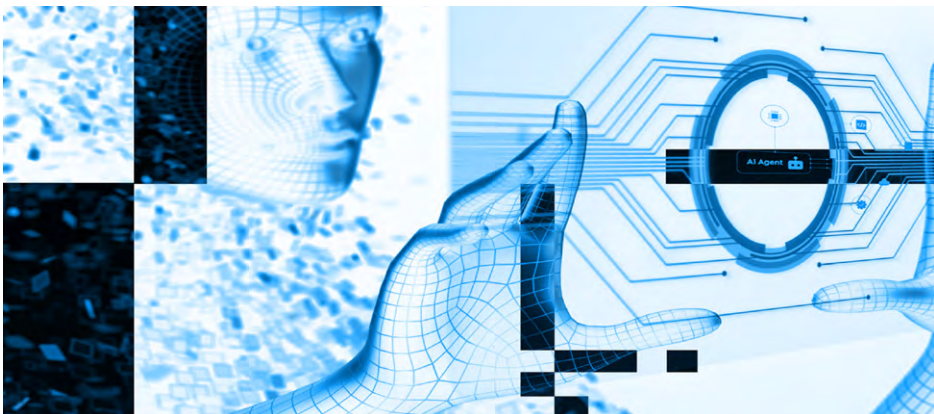
Shaping the future of Defence innovation

ADSTAR 2026 continues to build momentum with a **preview program now live on the website** . Offering early visibility of the sessions, themes, and partner programs shaping the future of Defence innovation, this year's program reflects **record-breaking engagement** with more than 350 submissions from 128 organisations worldwide, demonstrating the ecosystem's growing commitment to advancing sovereign capability.

4 – 6 August **Adelaide**

The **Defence Innovation, Science and Technology (IS&T) Awards for Excellence** are presented at the ADSTAR Gala Dinner on the evening of Wednesday 5 August and celebrate outstanding contributions across collaboration, leadership, and impact. With **nominations closing 26 June 2026**, now is the time to showcase the individuals, teams, and partnerships driving defence innovation. Join global decision-makers and researchers to connect, collaborate and accelerate innovation into capability.

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Australian Signals Directorate

From Risk to Resilience: How AI is Transforming Cyber Defence

The **Australian Signals Directorate (ASD)** has released a new publication – Opportunities for AI in cyber defence.

The publication explains how organisations can use AI to strengthen their cyber security while managing the risks of using AI. It outlines how the cyber security landscape is evolving and describes how organisations can use AI aligned with the Information security manual (ISM) cyber security functions. It also sets out principles for **securely adopting AI**, along with key questions for cyber defenders to ask vendors to support secure use.

AI offers a valuable opportunity to **strengthen cyber defence** by reducing reliance on manual processes, improving risk prioritisation and enabling earlier detection and **response to threats**. When organisations integrate AI into fit for purpose security tools and in alignment with established cyber security fundamentals, AI helps them adapt to an increasingly complex and fast-moving cyber security environment

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Defence Industry Economic Impact

Australian defence industry continues upward growth trajectory!

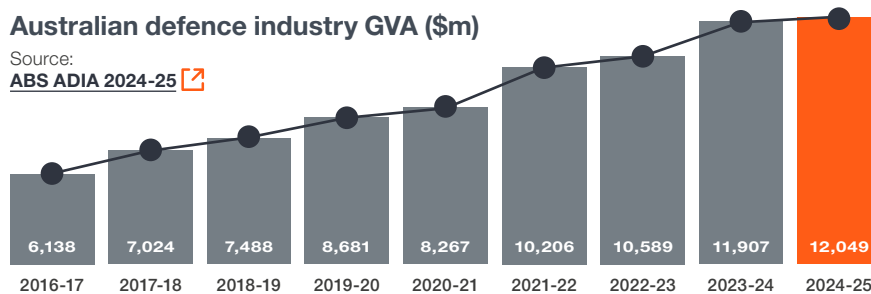


In focus: Defence Industry share of gross value add (GVA)

The Australian defence industry has continued to experience positive growth, with gross value added (GVA) rising from \$6.14 billion in 2016-17 to \$12.05 billion in 2024-25. This trend shows the defence industry has nearly doubled its economic contribution over the years. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reports that, in 2024-25, defence industry remained active, comprising 5,165 Australian businesses and employing 63,500 people.

Australian defence industry GVA (\$m)

Source:
[ABS ADIA 2024-25](#)



Notes: Australian defence industry share of gross value added (GVA) (A)(B). (A) Source: Australian System of National Accounts, 2024-25. (B) Only the direct defence industry contributions are included in these shares. For an activity to be included as defence industry, there must be a direct relationship between the Department of Defence and the producer of the good or service.

Interested in joining the Defence supply chain?

Here are some of the Services and Programs that are available:

- Connect with our [ODIS Defence industry advisors](#)
- Is your business Defence ready? [Test your preparedness](#)
- Join the [Defence Industry Security Program](#)
- Prepare your business for [Defence supply-chain opportunities](#)

Training opportunity

Want to gain valuable insights into Defence Industry Policy?

The **Australian Industry Capability (AIC) Practitioner course** aims to foster a broad understanding of AIC requirements across Defence and Defence Industry personnel. Bringing together professionals from both sectors, the course seeks to promote knowledge exchange and collaboration, enhancing the implementation of the **AIC Program**.

Participants will gain insights into Defence Industry Policy, including how AIC is implemented and applied through the Australian Standard for Defence Contracting (ASDEFCON) framework.

The 2-day instructor led course is designed to provide detailed understanding of the AIC Program and equip participants with tools and knowledge to effectively implement and manage AIC components within the procurement and contract management phases.

COURSE DATES



2026 Australian Defence
Export Catalogue

Showcasing Australia's export- ready products, services and technologies



The 2026 **Australian Defence Export Catalogue** has been released, showcasing strategically important sovereign capabilities to priority international partners, complementing the work of the Australian Defence Strategic Sales Office, and supporting broader Defence export initiatives, aligned with the 2026 National Defence Strategy and the Defence Industry Development Strategy.

The **2026 Catalogue** provides our international partners with a direct link to engaging with Australian defence industry.

[MEDIA RELEASE](#) 

Strengthening Australia's
defence capability

2026 National Defence Strategy and Integrated Investment Programs released

The **2026 National Defence Strategy (NDS)** sets out Australia's plan to strengthen self-reliance, enhance military capabilities, and to protect and defend Australia and our national interests.

The **2026 Integrated Investment Program (IIP)** will support efforts to deliver the 2026 NDS with greater self-reliance, strengthen the resilience of Australia's sovereign defence industrial base and build stronger, more diverse international industrial partnerships and supply chains.

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Industry resources

Business opportunities



AusTender

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

The Industry Portal

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.

Industry Engagement Update

We want to hear from you!

Tell us more about your interests so that we can tailor our monthly newsletter content to meet your needs.

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Team Defence Australia

Upcoming events

Team Defence Australia is the premier national platform for export capable Australian defence and dual-use companies to showcase their goods and services at international trade events.

Eurosatory

Location: Paris, France

Date: 15-19 June 2026

Domain: Land

Farnborough Airshow

Location: Farnborough, UK

Date: 20-24 July 2026

Domain: Aerospace

