



Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

Defence and Industry Study Course 2024 (DISC 2024)

The Defence and Industry Study Course (DISC) promotes collaboration and engagement between Defence and industry to benefit industry capability and defence capability and acquisition outcomes. The course provides unparalleled access to Defence and the sector. This includes visits to major Defence bases and senior executive briefings on major defence programs and the networking and intelligence benefits from attending are invaluable.

The course is delivered by the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG) within Defence. Applications to attend DISC 2024 must be submitted to Defence no later than 5pm AEST Friday 1 March. Defence evaluates applications to determine the course panel. The Victorian Government have no role in this process and are only informed by CASG after it has been finalised.

Administrative details and the application process are outlined on the DISC website: [Defence and Industry Study Course 2024 | Defence](#)

DISC 2024 - Victorian Government support (“the Project”)

Project overview

The Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (“the Department”) subsidises DISC attendance (“the Project”) for participants from Victorian defence small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs). This is industry support program delivered and managed by the Defence, Aviation and Aerospace (DAA) Branch.

Project eligibility

To be eligible to apply for financial support the participant must first be selected by Defence to attend DISC. The student must also be employed by a defence SME (defined as having between 1 and 199 employees), that operates within Victoria and are currently engaged in the defence supply chain or able to demonstrate a genuine intent to enter the defence market.

Project – financial assistance

Under this defence industry support program, the Victorian Government is offering to reimburse up to \$5,500 (excl. GST) for the course cost for up to five eligible students. This represents a 50% subsidy of the \$11,000 (excl. GST) total course costs.

Project requirements - financial support

To seek financial support, participants and the business sponsoring their attendance must agree to the following:

- attendance at all four DISC 2024 modules outlined on the DISC website (except for documented evidence of absence through illness or other special consideration).

- completion of all DISC 2024 requirements for award of the CASG DISC certificate of completion.
- provision of a final written report (approximately 800 words) to the Department at the conclusion of the course, and in every case by no later than 31 January 2025.

Project – application process

Participants from eligible business that have applied to attend DISC 2024 can seek Victorian Government financial assistance. This requires the completion of **Attachment 1** – Application form - Victorian Government support to attend DISC 2024 (**Attachment 1**).

This application form must be completed and returned to the DAA Branch at the following email: defence@ecodev.vic.gov.au no later than 5pm Friday 29 March 2024.

The Department will assess the DISC 2024 grant applications. The grants will be awarded on merit.

Reminder

To be eligible for Victorian Government consideration for financial support applicants must have submitted an application to the Department of Defence to attend DISC 2024.

Attachment:

No.	Attachment name
1	Attachment 1 - Application form – Victorian Government support (“the Project”) to attend DISC 2024



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Application form – Victorian Government support to attend DISC 2024

Note: To be eligible for support you must have submitted an application to the Department of Defence to attend DISC 2024.

This application is only to seek a Victorian Government subsidy to attend the course.

Please return the completed form to: defence@ecodev.vic.gov.au NLT 5pm Friday 29 March 2024.

Company Details

Company name	
Company	ABN: ACN:
Business address	
Company website (insert link)	
Manager sponsoring your attendance at DISC 2024	
Manager email	
Company telephone	
Company website	
Brief overview of your Victorian operations (locations, employee numbers etc.) (100 words or less)	
Brief overview of the involvement of your company in the defence supply chain (list Defence programs and supplies) (100 words or less)	

<p>Previous Victorian Government support provided to your company</p> <p>(DISC attendance, Victorian Government stand at trade-shows etc)</p>	
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Nominee Details

Name	
Job title	
Nominee email	
<p>Biography</p> <p>(qualifications, previous roles, detailed outline of current role and links to defence)</p> <p>(200 words or less)</p>	
<p>Linked In (LI) biography</p> <p>(if applicable)</p>	
<p>Describe what the Nominee is expecting to gain from attending DISC 2024:</p> <p>(200 words or less)</p>	

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Privacy statement

As part of the Participants for DISC 2024 Program, the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR) will be collecting personal information from you to assess your application for grant funding, to contact you about the application and for the purposes of administering, handling, and reviewing the application.

Where you have provided personal information of a third party in the application, you must have notified the third party and obtained their consent to their personal information being handled in accordance with this Privacy Statement.

Any personal information collected, held, managed, used, disclosed, or transferred will be held in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 and other applicable laws. DJSIR is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information.

You may contact DJSIR to request access or correction of your personal information, or for other concerns regarding the privacy of your personal information, by emailing DJSIR's Privacy Team at privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au. DJSIR's privacy policy is also available by emailing the Privacy Team."