AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE COLLEGE (ADC) PREPARATORY ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE (APELC)

1.   **Course Details.** The following extract from the Course Curriculum provides some information on the course that you will be attending at DITC. Should you require more information, please contact wilditcarrivals@defence.gov.au.

a.   **Title.** Australian Defence College (ADC) Preparatory English Language Course (APELC).

b.   **Aim.** To prepare you linguistically, culturally and academically for participation on the ADC Prep Course at DITC, and whence the target course at either the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies (CDSS) or the Australian Command and Staff College (ACSC), with:

   (1)   a high level of proficiency in the English language, particularly academic English usage

   (2)   well developed study and research skills

   (3)   effective group and individual communication skills

   (4)   a good understanding of the characteristics and the work environment of the target course.

c.   **Description.** The APELC is designed to provide you with specific language skills and military knowledge to prepare you for attendance at your target course. Typically, you will attend the Australian Command and Staff Course (ACSC) or the Defence and Strategic Studies Course (DSSC) at the Australian Defence College (ADC).

d.   **Duration.** 12 weeks.

e.   **Prerequisite Qualifications or Assessments.** Prior to attending this course you must have minimum IELTS – Academic level overall 6 (no skill less than 5.5) and have been accepted to study at ADC. You will have been required to sign a "Non-Enrolled Stream waiver to enter ADC" prior to attending APELC. You must also have completed the Administration and Reception Period.

f.   **Course Learning Outcomes.** On completion of the course, you will be able to achieve the following:

   (1)   Demonstrate an improved set of English speaking skills

   (2)   Demonstrate an improved set of English listening skills

   (3)   Demonstrate an improved set of English reading skills

   (4)   Demonstrate an improved set of English writing skills

   (5)   demonstrate a willingness to explore Australian culture, society and the environment through participation in organised sport and other events

      (6)   display a commitment to equity and diversity practices and their value to the ADF

      (7)   adhere to ADF rules, regulations and administrative procedures.

2.   **Assessment.** At exit from the APELC, the writing, listening, reading and speaking training objectives are formally assessed. The APELC focuses on improving the academic English language proficiency of the course attendees so they are best prepared for the language demands of attending their ADC target course. There is no prescribed focus on preparation to sit an IELTS-A during the course, however informal support can be provided. An opportunity to resit IELTS-A will be available before or after the students move to Canberra (advice is taken annually from ADC).

3.   **Course Activities.** During the Course, you will undertake a variety of activities. You will be provided with a complete programme at the start of your Course. Some of the activities that you will be involved in include study tours and field trips to significant Australian military, social and cultural sites. These visits are intended to extend your language skills and your understanding of Australian military and civilian cultures.

4.   Students must complete the ADC Preparation Course after the APELC and before attending ADC.

5.   It is highly recommended that students bring their personal laptop with them for use on APELC, and ADC-PREP.

6.   **Additional Base Access.** The APELC course is conducted at RAAF Williams Laverton. Additional base access is required for Weston Creek campus of ADC.

7.   **Dress**. For the majority of the course duration, civilian clothing complete with a name badge that clearly signifies rank and name will be used. On special occasions such as Day 1 and graduation or at any time as per the CO's instruction, the dress of the day will be uniform (cams or service dress, as is appropriate).