INFORMATION FOR 2012 YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

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DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Introduction

Technical trade professionals are the backbone of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and enable the Services to carry out any given task successfully in various environments and situations. The ADF offers a diverse range of trades across the Navy, Army and Air Force, such as Marine Technician in the Navy, Telecommunications System Technician in the Army and Aircraft Technician in the Air Force.

The ADF trains sailors, soldiers, airmen and airwomen in over 30 different trades to provide vital support to the ADF, maintaining and enhancing the operation of the three Services.

The Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) was created to generate knowledge of technical trade careers available in the Navy, Army and Air Force across the school community and to encourage students to complete their secondary school studies before embarking upon a trade career.

Every year, up to 1,500 students are awarded a Scholarship, with year 11 students receiving $2,000 and year 12 students receiving $3,000. Previous DTS recipients have used their money to pay for school fees, laptop computers and tools or material to assist them not only to complete their school year but to prepare them for a trade career beyond year 12.

Selected year 11 Scholarship recipients will also be given the opportunity to attend a week long Defence Experience Tour, allowing them to further enhance their knowledge of ADF trades by visiting ADF trade and recruit schools.
Trade careers in the Australian Defence Force

Trade careers in the Australian Defence Force play an integral role in the overall operational capability and ongoing enhancement of the ADF. As one of Australia’s largest employers, the range of jobs is as diverse as the skills you’ll learn. Doing a trade is the perfect way to experience the benefits of a career in either the Navy, Army or Air Force whilst gaining a recognised qualification.

Aside from great working conditions and an excellent work-life balance in the ADF, tradespeople interact with and are exposed to a range of other professions. Tradespeople in the ADF work alongside other professionals in administration, logistics, communications and health, as part of a bigger team. This is all part of being an ADF tradesperson. For more details on each trade, go to defencejobs.gov.au

The ADF invests heavily in training and there are many opportunities to progress into roles of greater responsibility and to undertake further training during your time in the ADF. The ADF has excellent training facilities and continues to invest in new technology. This means the workplace is ever-evolving and provides new sources of inspiration to keep your trade career interesting. It’s not all work in the ADF though, with members participating in a wide range of sporting, social and entertainment events.

These are some of the roles in the Australian Defence Force that you could undertake as a technical tradesperson. For more details on each trade, go to defencejobs.gov.au

- Aviation Technician Aircraft
- Aviation Technician Avionics
- Electronics Technician
- Electronics Technician Submariner
- Marine Technician
- Marine Technician Submariner
- Aircraft Life Support Fitter
- Aircraft Structural Fitter
- Aircraft Technician
- Avionics Technician
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Fitter Armament
- Metalsmith*
- Plumber
- Technician Electrical
- Electronic Technician
- Telecommunications Technician
- Vehicle Mechanic
- Aircraft Armament Technician
- Aircraft Life Support Fitter
- Aircraft Spray Painter*
- Aircraft Structural Technician
- Aircraft Technician
- Avionics Technician
- Carpenter
- Communication Electronic Technician
- Electrician*
- Fitter & Turner*
- Motor Mechanic
- Plumber

*Qualified entry only.

NOTE: These are the only technical trades applicable for DTS.
Why apply for a Defence Technical Scholarship?

As previously mentioned, year 11 winners receive $2000 and year 12 winners receive $3000. Additionally, year 11 recipients may be eligible to participate in a Defence Experience tour, visiting ADF training facilities. You will also receive information about ADF general entry technical trades. This information will assist you in making a decision about what you may like to do when you finish year 12.

If you were to choose a trade in the Navy, Army or Air Force, you could expect to enjoy some of the following benefits:

- Excellent training in well equipped facilities
- Attractive trainee pay and benefits
- Nationally recognised qualifications awarded under the Australian Quality Training Framework
- The opportunity to repair and maintain some of the latest technology
- Ongoing education and career opportunities
- The potential to advance your career significantly
- The choice of over 25 general entry technical trades
- The opportunity to gain new life skills and experiences as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
Frequently asked questions

If I get a DTS am I guaranteed entry into the ADF?
No, DTS recipients are not guaranteed ADF entry. All applicants will be required to undertake the normal ADF testing and recruitment processes and be assessed for general entry ADF technical trades. However, having knowledge about what you may expect when you join should assist you personally in the process.

If I do not receive a DTS, can I still join the ADF?
Of course you can apply to join. Due to the limited number of Defence Technical Scholarships and the competitive selection process, there will be many capable and talented students who miss out on being awarded a DTS. These students are strongly encouraged to continue planning their career in the ADF as a technical tradesperson. To find out more please visit defencejobs.gov.au or call 13 19 01.

What if I change my mind about joining the ADF when I finish my DTS?
No problem! Learning about the ADF and what it offers will help many DTS recipients decide if they wish to apply after year 12. Part of the selection criteria is to explain in your own words how and why you have a genuine interest in pursuing an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing either year 11 or 12. Being awarded a DTS does not lock you into an ADF career; however it could help you make an informed decision about your future career pathway.

What if I move schools after applying for the DTS?
The DTS is awarded to the individual student, not the school. If a DTS recipient moves during the Scholarship year, the DTS will move with them. Students may apply for a DTS whilst attending one school and then transfer to another, including interstate. Please ensure you inform the DTS Info Line if you do change schools.

What if my new school does not want to participate in the DTS?
Participation in the DTS by schools is entirely voluntary. If a DTS recipient moves to a school that has chosen not to participate in the DTS, please contact the DTS Info Line by email at DTS@dataresponse.com.au or call on 1300 880 818.

Will the DTS affect my Centrelink allowance?
Any DTS recipient who receives a Centrelink payment or allowance must inform Centrelink after each DTS payment has been received. The DTS payments will be assessed by Centrelink as income and must be declared. Please contact the nearest Centrelink office or the Centrelink Youth and Benefits Information Line on 13 24 90 for further advice.

What subjects must I have done at school to meet the minimum education entry standards as a tradesperson in the ADF?
You must have achieved a pass in Year 10 English, Maths and Science. For some trades, the Science subject must have had a physics component in it and you may also require one other subject. Go to defencejobs.gov.au and look up the education standards for each trade to find out what you need.

Why do I need to do Year 11 and 12 subjects to be eligible for the DTS when the minimum education standards for trade entry into the ADF is only Year 10?
The DTS is designed to encourage you to complete Year 11 and 12 to enable you to have the best possible chance at passing your trade training. It is well known that students who complete year 12 have greater career path choices and are more likely to successfully complete their trade training.
How to apply for a Defence Technical Scholarship.

In order to apply for the DTS, you’ll need to demonstrate an interest in a technical trade career in the Australian Defence Force and meet the relevant selection criteria. You’ll also need to provide supporting documentation, including your birth certificate, two letters and school subject results to be successful in your application. Application forms can be found at the back of this brochure or on the DTS website at defencejobs.gov.au/DTS. The application form clearly explains the application process as you fill it in.

The Scholarship is awarded at the end of April and is provided as one cheque from the Department of Defence. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of Defence based on merit, satisfactory completion of all requirements and the selection criteria. There are no applicant quotas for individual states and territories so subject selection is as generic as possible. Please call the DTS Info Line on 1300 880 818 if you have any queries on subjects, or if your school does not offer the pre-requisite subjects as detailed in this brochure.

Who can apply for a Defence Technical Scholarship?

Any Australian citizen who is in year 11 or 12 and meets the DTS selection criteria is eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in mathematics and specific DTS pre-requisite subjects (detailed in this brochure) and demonstrate, in their own words, why they have an interest in pursuing an ADF general entry technical trade career. Please note, students in year 11 studying year 12 subjects are not eligible to apply for a year 12 DTS, but may apply for a year 11 DTS.

A real pathway.
The Defence Technical Scholarship is for students considering an ADF general entry technical trade career. It is not for students intending to apply for the following avenues of entry:
- University entry, including the ADF Undergraduate Entry Scheme
- ADF Direct Entry Officer (including pilots)
- The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)
- Any non-technical trade career pathway, eg. Cook, combat engineer.
What are the eligibility requirements?
The DTS is for year 11 and 12 students only. As part of the DTS application process, students have to:
- Complete an application form in their own handwriting and say why they are interested in joining the ADF as a tradesperson.
- Have their application approved by their parent / guardian and the school DTS representative.
- Provide last school report.
- Be enrolled in any level of mathematics for year 11/12 (see page overleaf for details on subject requirements).
- Be enrolled in a VET trade* subject for year 11/12** (see page overleaf for details on subject requirements).
- Provide two written supporting statements (references) for the application;
  • One from a teacher at the student’s school who is familiar with the student's future career plans and endorses that the student represents the values and ethos of the school
  • The other must be from an external source eg. An employer or community / sporting organisation.

These statements must not be written by a family member (and where possible should be on official letterhead).

* Trade groups include automotive, construction, electrotechnology, aviation and engineering.
** Schools not undertaking a VET program are to contact the DTS Info Line on 1300 880 818 or at DTS@dataresponse.com.au for more information.
Pre-Requisite Subjects

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:
You must be enrolled in at least one subject in Section A or B, and must be enrolled in Maths (section C).

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If you are unable to take a pre-requisite subject due to timetabling or school policy, please call the DTS Info Line on 1300 880 818.

If your school does not provide any of the subjects listed, please call the DTS Info Line on 1300 880 818.
### VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

**A**
- Aerospace Studies
- Engineering Technology
- Technology Studies
  - Construction
  - Engineering

**B**
- Aeroskills
- Aviation
- Automotive
- Building and Construction
- Bricklaying, Blocklaying, Tiling & Plastering
- Carpentry and Joinery (and Furniture)
- Electrical
- Engineering
- Furniture Finishing
- Furniture Making
- Integrated Technologies
- Manufacturing
- Metals and Engineering
- Painting, Decorating and Glazing
- Plastics
- Plumbing
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Telecommunications

**C (compulsory)**
- Applicants must be enrolled in a curriculum approved mathematics for the relevant State/Territory.
- Non-curriculum mathematics (e.g., Trade Maths) will not be accepted unless the School can provide written evidence it has been approved by the relevant State/Territory curriculum authority.

### SYLLABUS SUBJECTS/LEARNING AREAS (STATE SPECIFIC)

**QLD**
- Aerospace Studies
- Engineering Technology
- Technology Studies
  - Construction
  - Engineering

**SA**
- Design and Technology
  - Material Products
  - Systems and Control Products

**TAS**
- Advanced Electronics 3
- Aviation Studies 2
- Design and Production 2
  (less textiles & plastics)
- Electronics 2

**VIC**
- Design and Technology (Metal, Wood)
- Systems Engineering

**WA**
- Automotive Engineering & Technology
- Engineering Studies
- Materials, Design & Technology
  (less Art & Design Technical graphics)
Application process for students

Application Packs
All schools will receive a DTS pack for distribution to eligible students in years 11 and 12.

Eligible students
1. Complete the DTS Application form enclosed in this booklet or download additional copies from defencejobs.gov.au/DTS
2. You will need to complete all areas of the DTS Application form otherwise it will not be considered.
3. You must attach copies of all requested supporting documentation otherwise your application will not be considered.
4. Ensure your parents (or legal guardian) sign your application form. If you do not have these signatures, your application will not be considered.
5. Please keep a copy of your completed application form as well as all the requested supporting documentation and pass the original to your school DTS Representative. Your school must submit your application on your behalf.

Notification of winners
6. Your school will be notified of the winners in writing by April 2012.

Throughout the year
7. As a successful DTS recipient, you may be offered the opportunity to attend a range of Defence activities, including tours and open days. Places will be limited and recipients will be required to apply separately for such Defence sponsored activities.
8. If you withdraw from one of your DTS pre-requisite subjects, you or your school must advise the DTS Info Line as soon as possible and provide proof of enrolment in another DTS pre-requisite subject in order to retain your DTS. Email DTS@dataresponse.com.au
Application process for schools

Responsibilities of the School DTS Representative

1. Please note your school’s Defence URN on the application pack when it arrives at your school.
2. The 2012 DTS application period is 1 February – 9 March 2012.

The next steps

3. Refer to the information contained in this booklet and familiarise yourself with the student application process. Additional forms and information can be found at defencejobs.gov.au/DTS. Your school would have received the 2012 DTS Application Pack in January 2012.
4. We strongly encourage you to remind students before and during the DTS application period of the closing date through your school newsletter and on notice boards. This should alleviate the issue of late applications arising.
5. Defence requests that all applicants provide a copy of their most recent 2011 school report (Term 4) with their application.
6. Collect all applications for your school well in advance of the closing date, 9 March 2012. Send completed applications with all content to: Department of Defence, Reply Paid 85731, ORMOND, VICTORIA 3204.
7. The DTS Info Line will confirm via email that your school nominations have been received.
8. Please ensure that all applications from your school are received at Defence by 9 March 2012.
9. Late nominations will only be accepted subject to prior agreement with the DTS Admin Team and only under exceptional circumstances.

DTS APPLICATION EVALUATION

10. Following the closing date of the application period, all eligible applications will be evaluated by the DTS selection panel.
11. Referees and/or DTS School Representatives may be contacted by the DTS Selection Panel for additional information to assist in the evaluation of individual applications.

NOTIFICATION

12. School Principals will be notified by mail of successful and unsuccessful applicants in April 2012. Cheques/certificates will be sent to schools by end of April 2012.
Freedom of Information

Information collected in relation to the Defence Technical Scholarship may become subject to applications under the Freedom of Information legislation. Requests for access to information contained in the DTS Application Form, supporting statements and attachments will be dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information legislation, applicable to the relevant State, Territory and Australian Commonwealth Governments. Please refer to defence.gov.au/foi/request.htm

You should note that a charge may be applied for this action, if approved.