**2023 Defence and Industry Study Course (DISC) - Victorian State Government Support**

The aim of DISC is to help participants develop a better understanding of both the Department of Defence (Defence) and industry to improve Australia’s defence industry capabilities. The course gives participants the opportunity to share ideas, problem-solve, build important business contacts and visit a number of Defence and defence industry sites.

More information on the DISC can be found at: [Defence & Industry Study Course | Business & Industry | Defence](https://www.defence.gov.au/business-industry/skilling-defence-industry/industry-study-course)

**Subsidies on offer for Victorian SMEs**

As part of its support for defence industry the Victorian Government is offering to reimburse up to $4,750 (ex. GST) for the cost of the course for up to five eligible students.

To be eligible, a student’s company must qualify as a Defence SME (1-199 employees); have an operating presence in Victoria where the applicant is employed; and be engaged in a defence supply chain or be able to demonstrate a genuine intent to enter the defence market.

Grant recipients must agree to the following:

* 100 per cent attendance at each of the four DISC 2023 modules that are listed on the DISC website (except for documented evidence of absence through illness or other special consideration)
* completion of all DISC 2023 requirements, to the satisfaction of Defence’s Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG)
* provision of a final written report (approximately 800 words) to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (‘the Department’) Defence and Aerospace Team at the conclusion of the course, and in every case by no later than 31 January 2024.

Defence determine which individuals are offered a place on DISC 2023 (spaces are limited). You must have submitted an application to Defence to attend DISC, applications close 5pm Monday 6 March, to be eligible to submit an application for a Victorian Government Subsidy.

The Department will assess the DISC 2023 grant applications. The grants will be awarded on merit.

If you are nominating an individual to attend DISC in 2023 and would like to seek a Victorian Government subsidy, please complete the attached application form and submit it to [defence@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:defence@ecodev.vic.gov.au) **NLT 5pm Friday 10 March 2023.**

**Important Information**

Please remember that you must have submitted an application to the Department of Defence to attend DISC 2023, in addition to the Victorian State Government application form.

**DISC 2023 - Application for Victorian Government Support**

***Note****: To be eligible for support you must have submitted an application to the Department of Defence to attend DISC 2023.*

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

*Please return completed form to:* [*defence@ecodev.vic.gov.au*](mailto:defence@ecodev.vic.gov.au) **NLT 5pm Friday 10 March 2023.**

**Company Details**

Company:

ABN or ACN:

Address:

Website:

Contact Name:

Tel:

Email:

Has your company previously received support from the state government for an employee to attend the DISC? If so, please provide details for each instance:

**Nominee Details**

Name:

Job Title:

Biography of Nominee (100 words or less):

In 200 words or less, describe what the Nominee is expecting to gain from attending DISC 2023:

Please note personal information collected by the department will be used in accordance with the department's privacy policy. You may view the department's privacy policy here: [Privacy | Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (djsir.vic.gov.au)](https://djsir.vic.gov.au/privacy)