



Defence Youth Program Fact Sheet

Defence Indigenous Development Program

Program Summary

The Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP) is a program for young Indigenous adults who want to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF) but may have difficulty with reading, writing, fitness or are just not sure if the ADF is for them.

The DIDP is a five-month residential course focusing on six key areas:

- Language, Literacy, and Numeracy training;
- Military skills;
- Physical fitness;
- Vocational Education and Training;
- Cultural appreciation; and
- Leadership and character development.

By the end of the program, participants are equipped with skills and knowledge to apply for full-time careers in the ADF. If participants decide that a career in Defence is not for them, opportunities in the ADF Reserves or Defence Australian Public Service (APS) are also provided as potential employment options.

Detailed program information is available at: [Defence Indigenous Development Program](#)

