



**Critical Policy - 1**  
**CULTURAL BONDING - National Security**

## **INTAKE QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURE**

### **Age**

Every Australian man and woman turning seventeen (17) years of age on or before 31 December each year must register for Onshore Defence Force (ODF) Training prior to 31 October in the same year in readiness to commence ODF Training on 10 January of the following year, **unless**:

- (a) secondary school (or equivalent) is still being attended and will not be completed until the end of the next consecutive school year (an event which will not negate the need to register and subsequently commence ODF Training immediately following completion of that final secondary school year);
- (b) an apprenticeship in any one of the Trades is continuing to completion (an event that will not negate the need to register and subsequently commence ODF Training on 10 January immediately following completion of the apprenticeship);
- (c) a disability is too restrictive;
- (d) a fully registered carer in the immediate family; or
- (e) still incarcerated (a circumstance that **may not** negate the need to register, subject to the nature of the offence, and subsequently commence ODF Training on 10 January immediately following completion of the custodial sentence.)

### **ODF Student Pack - Distribution Centres**

A detailed inventory within an ODF Student Pack can be seen by going into [Costs of ODF Training Program](#) on the cover page [Critical Policy-1] of this website.

It is here that Distribution Centres (Australia-wide) numbering 2,700 is mentioned; these Centres being Secondary Schools at which most, if not all, ODF Students attended with some 75% completing Year 12 in the preceding year. (i.e. Secondary Schools of Origin.)

**Duration of ODF Training:** One (1) year.

### **ID Cards**

At the time of registering for ODF Training, potential ODF Students will be issued with personal Identification (ID) cards allowing them free bus, tram and rail transport during their year of training.

And at the completion of ODF Training this ID Card will be cancelled and replaced with an ID Card verifying that the cardholder has completed ODF Training.

### **Commencement of ODF Training**

All ODF Students must arrive at their respective training venues no later than 4:00PM on 10 January.

The following year of training will comprise three (3) terms: (Approximate Dates)

1st Term: 10 January – 25 April (15 wks)  
Leave: 26 April – 9 May (14 days)  
2nd Term: 10 May – 23 August (15 wks)  
Leave: 24 August – 7 September (14 days)  
3rd Term: 8 September – 30 November (12 wks)

### **Training Schedule**

ODF Training will occupy students each day, Monday to Friday:

10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON  
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM  
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Alcohol and non-prescription drugs** will be prohibited on Training sites; whilst in transit; and wherever uniforms must be worn.