

Shipbuilding Training

More Jobs in Defence



The Liberal-led Government is a proud supporter of Western Australia's defence industry.

We are committed to ensuring Western Australia is in the best possible position to take advantage of national defence contracts and that Western Australia's workforce is well trained and ready.

We are ensuring that our training facilities are of the highest standard and our workforce continues to be globally competitive.

Fast Facts

- Western Australia is home to the nation's largest naval base, HMAS Stirling.
- The Defence White Paper 2016 allocated \$89 billion to build a new fleet of warships in Australia.
- The Australian Marine Complex (AMC) in Henderson has been selected as one of only two national shipbuilding precincts, confirmed as Australia's minor naval vessel hub.
- This will see up to 21 Pacific Patrol Boats and 10 of the 12 Offshore Patrol Vessels built at the AMC from 2017 and 2020, worth \$3.5 billion and creating more than 500 high-skilled jobs and up to a further 1,500 indirect jobs.
- The Liberal-led Government is also actively pursuing opportunities for WA to provide support and maintenance to the \$50 billion Future Submarines and \$30 billion Future Frigates.
- Western Australia has a longstanding commitment to defence and maritime training through South Metropolitan TAFE, including training contracts for the Collins Class Submarine Combat Systems and Platform Engineering training.
- There are 959 students studying 23 maritime and defence-related courses across the Carlisle, Beaconsfield, Munster, Henderson, Thornlie, Jandakot and Rockingham TAFE campuses.



Our Commitment

A re-elected Liberal Government will:

Build a new state-of-the-art Shipbuilding and Defence Specialist Training Centre at the Rockingham TAFE campus at a cost of \$17 million.

- Specific maritime and defence related courses and apprenticeships will be relocated to the new Rockingham facilities, creating a dedicated 'Shipbuilding and Defence Centre of Specialisation'.
- This Centre will be operate as a partnership between industry, government, universities and training institutions, similar to the highly successful Australian Centre for Energy and Process Training (ACEPT) in Munster.
- This will better support an environment of collaboration and innovation, and ensure closer links with industry to provide direct support and advice to the Centre on training needs and future workforce development priorities.
- The new Centre will be built to accommodate the current specialist alloy and composite material fabrication training, and workshops will be equipped with contemporary and industry-relevant equipment.
- The new site will also provide sufficient flexible training areas to allow adaptation to meet the future needs of industry which will evolve to service specific maritime and defence contracts. It is anticipated that the first students could be enrolled in 2020.



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