



AUSTRALIAN
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Peace Education in Professional Military Education as a Pathway for Increasing the Role of the Military in Peacebuilding Operations



The Australian Defence College Experience

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Introduction

- Founded in 1999, the Australian Defence College is primarily based at Weston Creek and Campbell, ACT, with some units at Williamstown, NSW, and Laverton, Victoria.
- Australian Defence College delivers world-leading Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) and individual training.
- Australian Defence College prepares mid-career and senior leaders of the Australian Defence Force and the Department of Defence for the challenges of leading in the 21st century.



A 21st Century Learning Institution

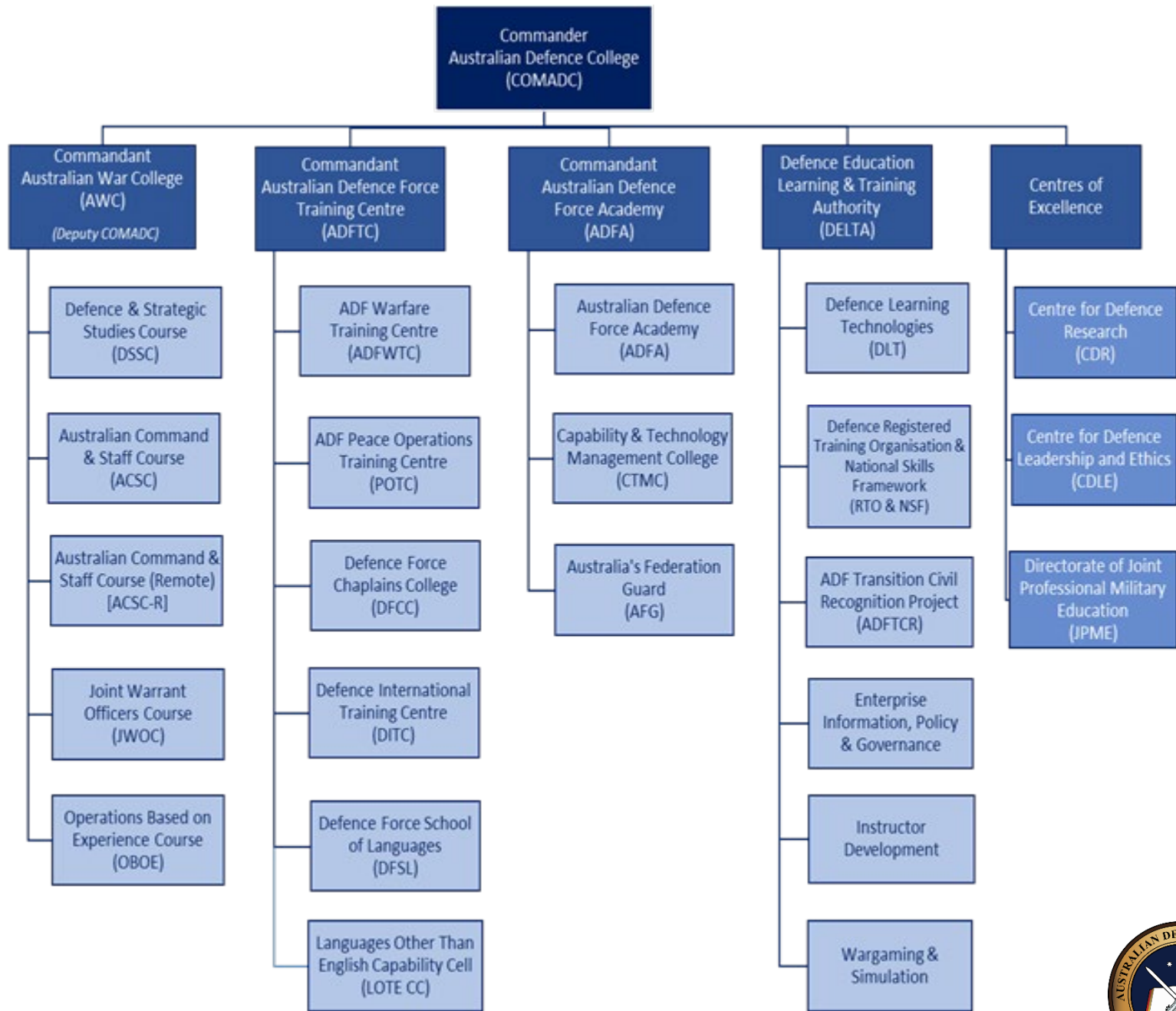
CONTINUOUS – ADAPTIVE – ACCESSIBLE

Continuous rather than episodic because the world is changing more quickly and our people need broader, deeper and new knowledge sets.

Adaptive because the operational and strategic demands placed on our soldiers, sailors and aviators – and their leaders - is constantly changing.

Accessible because our people are dispersed across the globe and we also need to provide learning to more of our people in a more flexible way.





ADF Peace Operations Training Centre (POTC)

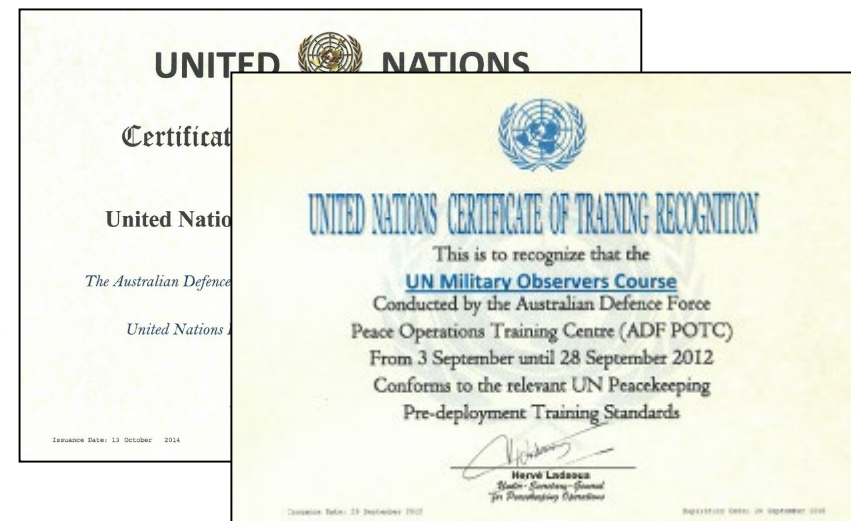
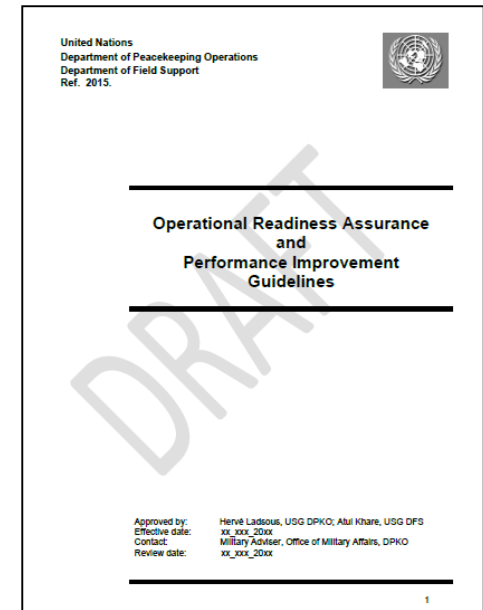
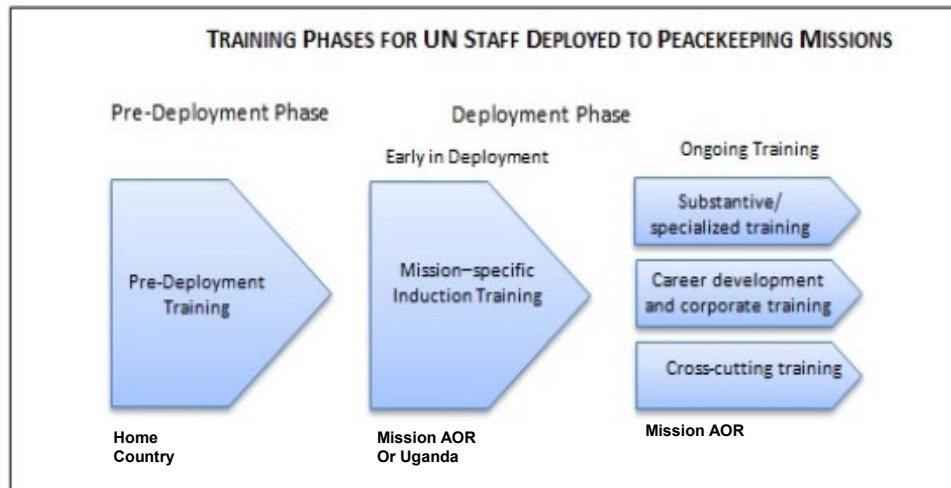
Mission: POTC is to prepare selected Australian and international military personnel for employment on peace operations and in gender appointments in order to support ADF force-generation and deliver Defence International Engagement outcomes.

Unit Overview. ADF POTC is a small unit that produces domestic and international engagement training outcomes for Defence. Training is delivered by a small cadre of permanent staff and a highly experienced and dedicated cadre of foreign Seconded Officers and Joint Reserve Force instructors located around Australia.



Training Recognition (Accreditation)

- ADF POTC is a UN Recognised for UN Military Observer Course; UN Staff Officer Course; and UN Child Protection Course
- Re-accreditation every 4 years with UN NY



ADF Peace Operations Training Centre

Gender Targeted UN Training - ASEAN



Gender, Peace and Security

ADF POTC delivers ADF Gender Focal Point and ADF Gender Advisor Courses in order to prepare military personnel for employment in gender appointments.

UN Training : ADF POTC incorporates the Cross Cutting Themes which includes Women Peace and Security and Conflict Related Sexual Violence into all of the UN training courses and exercises. ASEAN partners have attended these activities e.g.

- UN Gender and Protection Planning
- Protection of Civilians –Rules of Engagement and Use of Force Tactical Application



Training - Simulation

Avatars and Peace Operations Training

- Deployable equipment and technology
- Allows real-time conversations with an instructor-controlled character
- Voice modulation, facial expressions and body language
- Used when local role players do not reflect the mission demographic
- Protection of Civilians, Child Soldiers, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
 - interviews, complex negotiation situations
- Flexible, reduces human resources, wider range of characters



Training - Simulation

Situational UN Vehicle Patrol Training

- Deployable equipment and technology
- Allows real-time navigation and mission scenarios for command decisions
- Navigator and observer skills tested in range of geographic/weather conditions
- Team building with Team leader, Driver, Radio Operator, and other team members allocated tasks such as navigation.
- Can be used in conjunction with the Avatar system to allow discussions during Patrol scenarios, i.e. negotiate checkpoints, local civil engagement etc



Gender, Peace and Security - a reflection



Discussion

