



University and Academia SAMS Briefing

17 May 2024

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Acknowledgement of Country



SAMS

Overview



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SAMS - Legislation



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The Defence Amendment Part IXAA
(Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets)
Act 2024 commenced on 06 May 2024.

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Defence Amendment (Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets) Bill 2024

Previous Citations Defence Amendment (Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets) Bill 2023

Type Government

Portfolio Defence

Originating house House of Representatives

Status Passed Both Houses

Parliament no 47

[Track](#)

| House of Representatives | |
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| Introduced and read a first time | 14 Sep 2023 |
| Second reading moved | 14 Sep 2023 |
| Second reading debate | 19 Mar 2024 |
| Referred to Federation Chamber | 19 Mar 2024 |
| Second reading debate | 19 Mar 2024 |
| Second reading agreed to | 19 Mar 2024 |
| Consideration in detail debate | 19 Mar 2024 |
| • Amendment details: 1 Government agreed to | 19 Mar 2024 |
| Reported from Federation Chamber | 20 Mar 2024 |
| Third reading agreed to | 20 Mar 2024 |

| Senate | |
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| Introduced and read a first time | 21 Mar 2024 |
| Second reading moved | 21 Mar 2024 |
| Second reading debate | 25 Mar 2024 |
| Second reading agreed to | 25 Mar 2024 |
| Committee of the Whole debate | 25 Mar 2024 |
| Third reading moved | 25 Mar 2024 |



SAMS and the DTC Amendments
reflect the changes to our
strategic environment



Defence industries, higher education
and research sectors in all 3 nations
working seamlessly licence-free



Ensure extensive ongoing
dialogue on the operation and
effectiveness of SAMS

SAMS - Context



Adequacy of current Defence policies and procedures for preventing former Australian Defence Force personnel from undertaking employment in support of foreign powers



SAMS - Key events and dates



KEY DATES

Passage through Parliament : **March 2024**

Royal Assent : **08 April 2024**

Commencement : **06 May 2024**

Enforcement Date : **07 August 2024**



Foreign Work Authorisation - Principles



Clear criterion for self assessment for Foreign Work Authorisation (early off-boarding)

Timely and objective assessments and responses to applicants

Compliance with relevant legislative requirements (eg: privacy)



Simple, efficient and effective application process

Appropriate governance and record keeping

SAMS - Foreign Work Authorisation (FWA)



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Class 1 : Work

- Former Australia Defence Force (ADF) members
- Former Department of Defence Australian Public Servants (APS)
- Former Australian Submarine Agency (ASA) APS



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Class 2 : Training

- Australian Citizens
- Permanent Residents

SAMS – Awareness and engagement



Resources & support

- Website: www.defence.gov.au/SAMS
- SAMS legislative instruments
- Foreign Work Authorisation (FWA)
 - Decision tool
 - Application form
- SAMS factsheets



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