

Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets

Information briefing

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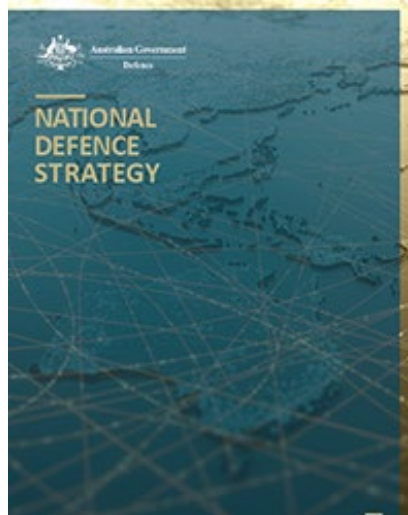
GovTeams Online Briefing



Acknowledgement of Country



SAMS Legislation- Overview



KEY DATES

Passage through Parliament : **March 2024**

Commencement : **06 May 2024**

Enforcement Date : **07 August 2024**



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 - 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

Personnel employed in ASD prior to July 2018 are considered former Defence

SAMS - Exceptions



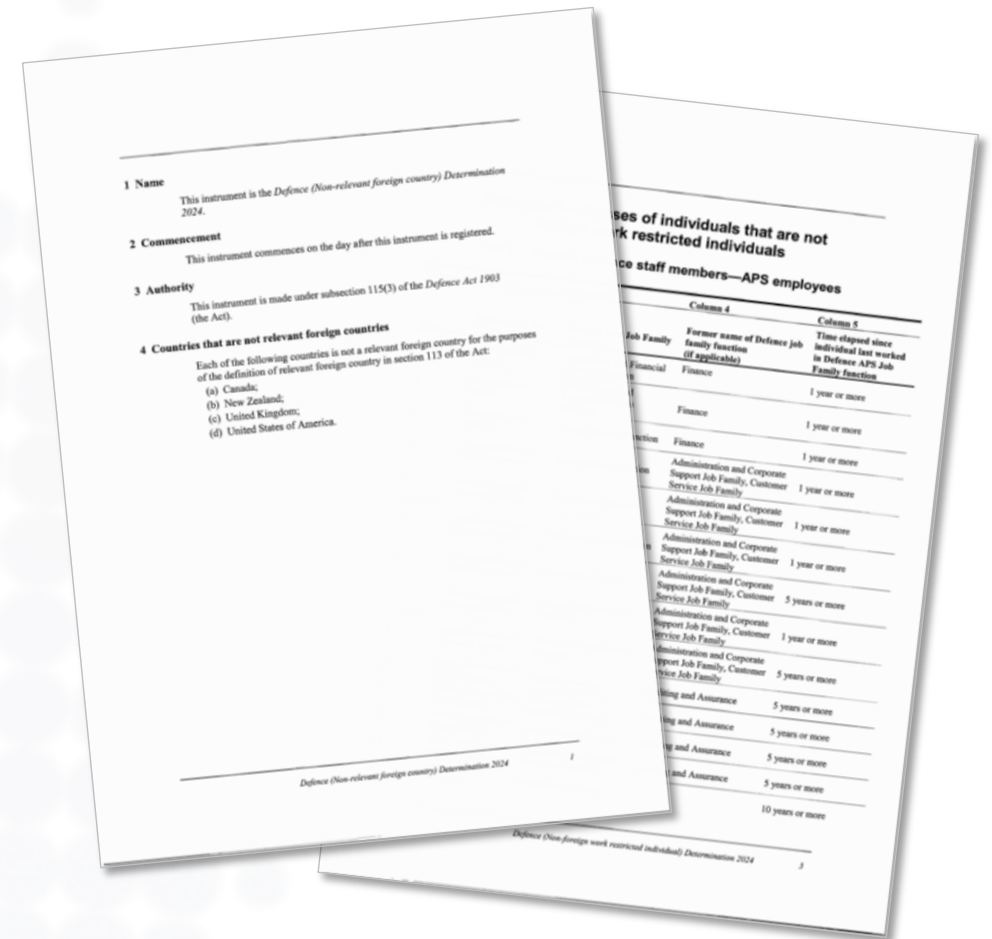
Exceptions

- Employed by the Commonwealth
- Authorised by Commonwealth written agreement
- Service in a national Defence force
- UN / UN Agencies / ICRC



Legislative Instruments

- Job Families List
- Foreign Country List



SAMS – Non relevant countries

Excluded countries

- Canada
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- United States of America



SAMS user journey

There are many variations to individual circumstances

Successful applications will last for a maximum of 3 years



Check legislation

Confirm if the legislation applies to your circumstances



Submit online form

Submit a request for a foreign work authorization using the online form



Assessment

Your request is received and assessed by the SAMS team



Result

You receive the result of your FWA submission in writing

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
- FAQs

The collage displays various SAMS resources:

- Website Screenshot:** Shows the 'Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets' page on the Australian Government Defence website. It features a navigation menu, a main heading, and a red callout box with key information. A sidebar on the right lists 'Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets' with links to 'Authorisation requirements', 'SAMS legislation', 'FWA request form', 'FWA decision review', and 'Support requests'. A 'Contacts' section is also visible.
- Poster:** A vertical poster titled 'Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets' with the SAMS logo at the top. It features a background image of a rocket launch and the text: 'Know your obligations, obtain authorisation, and safeguard Australia's future. Check if the new law applies to you www.defence.gov.au/sams'.
- Key Information Fact Sheet:** A fact sheet titled 'SAMS SAFEGUARDING AUSTRALIA'S MILITARY SECRETS Key Information'. It includes 'Key Points' such as: 'The Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets legislation is designed to protect Australia's military secrets and strengthen our national security.', 'Some Australian citizens and permanent residents may need to apply for a foreign work authorisation when working for, or on behalf of, a foreign military or government body.', and 'A foreign work authorisation may also be required for individuals providing training to a foreign military organisation or government body.' It also mentions that the requirement for a foreign work authorisation strengthens Australia's security by preventing the release or evading of classified military or related information.
- Left Defence? Fact Sheet:** A fact sheet titled 'SAMS SAFEGUARDING AUSTRALIA'S MILITARY SECRETS Left Defence? Know your SAMS obligations'. It includes a checklist: 'Completed security device', 'Handled bank/Debit/visa pass', 'Completed discharge form', and 'Checked SAMS obligations'. It also includes the text: 'Check if the new law applies to you www.defence.gov.au/sams'.



Events Info

Upcoming online events

07 June 2024

14 June 2024

To register

[defence.gov.au/
business-industry/training-events](https://defence.gov.au/business-industry/training-events)

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