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Supporting Australian defence exporters

At Export Finance Australia, we provide financial expertise and solutions to support Australian defence exports across a range of sectors including **advanced manufacturing, engineering** and **software**.

Through our loans, guarantees and bonds we enable SMEs and defence primes to take on export opportunities.

What is a defence export?

A defence export is any defence-specific or dual use good or service exported by the Australian defence industry, including as part of a supply chain, that is intended for a defence or national security end-user.

What businesses can Export Finance Australia support?

As Australia's export credit agency, we have a track record of helping Australian defence exporters across air, land, sea and cyber domains to help them win defence contracts overseas.

OUR CRITERIA

The transaction must meet the following for us to provide our solutions:



Australian Benefit

Have the necessary level of Australian benefit



Commercial

Be commercially viable



Approvals

Have the required defence export permit or in-principle approval from Defence Export Controls

If the transaction meets these requirements but is not suitable for our Commercial Account, it may be referred to the Government's Defence Export Facility.



Delivering benefits to Australia

For us to support Australian companies in global defence supply chains, there must be an Australian benefit (this could be a future or indirect benefit).

Australian benefits can include:

- › Australian content (goods or services) in a project
- › greater Australian participation in international supply chains
- › access to new markets or export opportunities for Australian businesses
- › more Australian jobs
- › payment of dividends or other financial proceeds from overseas to Australia
- › new research and development expenditure in Australia
- › Australian access to new products, intellectual property or technology.

The level of finance we can provide is linked to the level of Australian benefit in a project.



The Government's Defence Export Strategy

In 2018, the Australian Government launched the Defence Export Strategy to help the defence industry achieve greater export success.

The Strategy aims to build a stronger, more sustainable and globally competitive Australian defence industry to support Australia's capability needs.

End-to-end support

It brings government and industry together to provide end-to-end support for defence exports. This ranges from building export readiness to identifying export opportunities, providing finance and, ultimately, realising export outcomes.



How we support the Defence Export Facility

As part of the Defence Export Strategy, we administer the US\$3 billion Defence Export Facility.

Finance available

This Facility gives the Australian defence industry the confidence to seek new direct export and supply chain contracts, knowing there is a source of finance available. It also allows us to better help businesses receive the finance they need to grow internationally.

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With these large orders, maintaining cash flow throughout can be a challenge, and that's where the assistance of Export Finance Australia and our bank has been invaluable.”

Mark Scherrer

Managing Director, Ferra Engineering

CUSTOMERS WE'VE HELPED

Austal

Austal is a longstanding Export Finance Australia customer and a global shipbuilder specialising in the construction of defence and commercial vessels.



Opportunity

When the Government of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago needed financial support to update their aging ferry fleet, Austal won a contract with the help of Export Finance Australia to construct and provide three vessels for Trinidad & Tobago.

How we helped

US\$ 207.25 million

We provided a loan to Trinidad & Tobago. This enabled them to purchase one fast ferry and two patrol vessels from Austal.

CEA Technologies

CEA Technologies (CEA) is a manufacturer of world class radars as well as advanced antenna and communications solutions for civil and military applications.



Opportunity

CEA needed finance to construct an additional manufacturing facility to meet expected growth in export orders and domestic programs.

How we helped

A\$90 million

We provided a loan through the Defence Export Facility to help CEA build their facility and expand their operations in Canberra.

Ferra Engineering

Ferra Engineering (Ferra) manufactures and assembles complex aerospace structures and subsystems for commercial and military aviation, as well as other defence industries.



Opportunity

Ferra needed working capital to pay for the substantial upfront costs of materials and labour to deliver a contract with Lockheed Martin.

How we helped

A\$2.7 million

We provided a guarantee to Ferra's bank, enabling them to access finance to manufacture weapons bay adaptors for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.



No one takes on the world alone.

Support is available from our partners

Austrade

Austrade advises and supports exporters across a wide range of sectors relating to infrastructure, cities and transport, connecting them through their global network with potential opportunities, partners and customers in international markets. Areas of specific focus include services and technology relating to urban planning and development, smart cities, water, urban mobility and intelligent transport systems, rail, logistics and international development.

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Australian Defence Export Office

The Australian Defence Export Office (ADEO) is a key initiative of the Defence Export Strategy. The ADEO works with Australian defence industry to achieve export success. It is the focal point for coordinating whole-of-Government export support, ensuring Australian defence industry can meet Australia's defence capability needs now and into the future.

The ADEO tailors assistance to Australian companies on a case-by-case basis, providing a targeted level of support across all stages of a company's export journey.

For more information, visit defence.gov.au/export/office



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