



THE AUKUS LICENCE-FREE ENVIRONMENT WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

In a world where technology is evolving at lightning speed, staying ahead of the curve is crucial. Enter the AUKUS Licence-Free Environment, an initiative that will enable unprecedented levels of scientific, technological and industrial cooperation and co-development among and between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The AUKUS Licence-Free Environment simplifies and accelerates the flow of defence-related goods, software and technology and the provision of services specified in the Defence and Strategic Goods List between the three nations. By minimising the need for permits within this trilateral partnership, the initiative aims to promote closer collaboration and streamline the compliance process.

Here's how the Licence-Free Environment can benefit you:

1. Speed and Efficiency

Transferring critical defence technologies and products without the bureaucratic red tape is exactly what the AUKUS Licence-Free Environment is offering. By minimising the paperwork and approval processes, you can move faster and be more responsive to the needs of your partners and clients.

2. Cost Savings

Time is money, and by streamlining the transfer processes, you'll save on both. The elimination of permit requirements in certain circumstances means fewer administrative costs and less time spent navigating legislative regulatory landscapes. This translates to more resources that you can reinvest into your projects, research, or business growth.

3. Enhanced Collaboration

The AUKUS partnership is about working together. By creating an environment for sharing defence goods, software, technology and the provision of DSGL services, this initiative paves the way for deeper and more meaningful collaborations. Whether you're developing cutting-edge technologies or working on joint research projects, the licence-free environment makes it easier to team up with counterparts in the UK and US, promoting innovation and mutual growth.

4. Strengthened Security

At its core, AUKUS is about enhancing security for all three nations. By enabling the rapid and secure transfer of defence technologies, the initiative ensures that we are better equipped to address common threats and challenges. For those in the defence sector, this means a stronger, more united front in safeguarding our national interests.

What's Next?

It is essential to stay informed and prepared. Here are a few steps you can take to make the most of the AUKUS Licence-Free Environment:

- Keep an eye on updates from <u>Defence Export Controls (DEC)</u>. They will provide the latest information and guidelines on how to navigate this new landscape including new reporting requirements and the licence-free environment.
- Look out for eLearning coming in September and attend information sessions to make the most of group discussions and Q&A sessions. See the calendar of events here.
- Reach out to your partners in the UK and US to explore new collaborative projects and initiatives. The licence-free environment is all about promoting closer ties and working together towards common goals.
- Register to be a part of the AUKUS Licence-Free community through the My Australian Defence Exports (MADE) application portal.

For more information, see <u>DEC website</u>



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