**Diplomatic Clearances – Aircraft and Ships**

Applications for Australian diplomatic or other clearances for government owned or chartered aircraft or ships (including warships and auxiliary military vessels) not engaged in commercial activities are made directly to the relevant Australian authority, as set out below.

**Aircraft**

A **State aircraft** (regardless of who is on board) or an aircraft (other than one on a scheduled commercial flight) carrying a **head of state**, **head** **of government**, **foreign minister** or other **senior foreign visitor** to Australia requires a diplomatic clearance. Missions should submit a completed **Aircraft diplomatic clearance application form** to:

Air and Space Operations Centre  
HQJOC (AOC)  
Department of Defence  
PO Box 7928  
Canberra BC ACT 2610  
Attention: Diplomatic Clearance Officer  
  
Tel: (02) 6128 4819  
Fax: (02) 6128 5175  
Email: [dipa.hqac@defence.gov.au](mailto:dipa.hqac@defence.gov.au)

Further guidance can be found in the **Instructions** attached.

In some cases, the Department of Defence may need to refer an application to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) and/or the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development for approval. Those agencies will contact the mission directly if further information is required.

**Ships**

Applications for diplomatic clearances for **warships** and auxiliary military vessels are made to**:**

Maritime Operations  
HQJOC  
Department of Defence  
PO Box 7928  
Canberra BC ACT 2610  
Attention: Diplomatic Clearance Officer

Tel:(02) 6128 5216 (business hours); 02 6128 4339 (after hours)