SECURITY CLEARANCE AND DOCUMENTATION

The Department of Defence requires Australian Defence Force employees to have security clearances appropriate to their employment. Collection of relevant information including background checks and interviews (when required), enables the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency (AGSVA) to make an informed assessment of an applicant's suitability for a security clearance.

Delays in providing the required documentation may delay the vetting process. If an applicant is unable to obtain the required security clearance in time, this may impact on their ability to continue training.

Navy Security Requirements

On Entry, there are three relevant levels of security clearance: Negative Vetting Level 1 (NV1), Negative Vetting Level 2 (NV2), and Positive Vetting (PV).

Negative Vetting Level 1 (NV1)

NV1 is the minimum security clearance level required for the majority of Navy jobs on entry.

- If the job is not mentioned in the NV2 or PV job lists below, then the security requirement on entry is NV1.

Current policy requires applicants for NV1 jobs to have a checkable background for the previous 10 years. This means you must provide credible referees (non-family members) who are able to provide information about you covering the full checkable period. Required information includes but is not limited to:

- Residences
- Employment
- Education
- Credit
- Travel

The information you provide is used as the basis for conducting a range of background checks and inquiries.

Your individual circumstances will determine the number and complexity of the questions and the supporting documents required for NV1.

Negative Vetting 2 (NV2)

NV2 is the minimum security clearance level required for entry for the following Navy jobs:

- all submariner roles (except those requiring PV, listed below)
- [Communication and Information Systems Sailor](#) (CIS)
- [Electronic Warfare Sailor](#) (EW)

Your individual circumstances will determine the number and complexity of the questions and the supporting documents required for NV2.

Positive Vetting (PV)

PV is the minimum security clearance level required for the following Navy jobs on entry:

- [Intelligence Officer](#) (IO)
- [Cryptologic Linguist](#) (CT-L)
- [Cryptologic Systems](#) (CT-S)
- [Electronic Warfare Submariner](#) (EWSM)
- [Communication and Information Systems Submariner](#) (CISSM)

Your individual circumstances will determine the number and complexity of the questions and the supporting documents required for PV.

Further Information

Support will be provided by Defence Force Recruiting during the initial application process.

For more detailed information on the security vetting process and specific clearance level requirements set by the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency(AGSVA), please refer to the [AGSVA website](#) and select the 'Fact Sheets and Forms' tab.