**2017 IELTS TRAINING SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS**

**DEFENCE COOPERATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CANDIDATES**

01 Feb 17: Nominations

* Candidates submit their nominations to DCO by 01 Feb 17.
* Nominations supported by CV, nomination form, statement of purpose and ADFELPS 6 (all skills) test result form.
* Candidates that already have an IELTS-A 6.5 score are not required to undertake ADFELPS testing.

06-10 Feb 17: IDP Screen Testing

* Screen testing will be conducted 0900-1200 each day at IDP Silom during the period 07-10 Feb 17.
* Candidates identify the day they are available to attend on their nomination form.
* Candidates to bring their ADFELPS writing sample with them to screen testing.

13-17 Feb 17 IELTS-A: Preparation Couse Confirmation

* Australia confirms the nominations for the 2017 IELTS-A Preparation Course during the period 13-17 Feb 17.
* Candidates must have an ADFELPS 6 score (all skills) and be assessed by IDP at the B1+ level to eligible for the 2017 IELTS- Preparation Course.
* Australia will also provide course preparation materials for the selected candidates.

13 Mar - 26 May 17: IELTS-A Preparation Course

* IDP will deliver the 2017 IELTS-A Preparation Course (300 hrs) during the period 13 Mar - 26 May 17.
* A one week break will be provided during the period 10-14 Apr 17 for Songkran.
* The DCSP administrative contractor (ScopeGlobal) will commence the processing of university applications.
* The 2017 IELTS-A Preparation Course is a fulltime course and the candidates will be required to attend 0900-1600 Mon to Fri each week.
* Candidates will be required to maintain an attendance level of 90% throughout the course and candidates that fall below this level will asked to return to their unit.
* **Candidates are requested to consider the course requirements when planning their 2017 personal and work activities (90% attendance requirement).**

27 May - 30 Jun 17: IELTS-A Testing

* DCEO to confirm ADF sponsored nominations for testing by 01 May 17.
* Australia will provide two IELTS-A tests for each candidate and the testing schedule is as follows.
* 27 May 17: Undertake first IELTS-A test
* 09 Jun 17: Results available from first IELTS-A test
* 12 Jun 17: Booking for second IELTS-A test (if required)
* 17 Jun 17: Undertake second IELTS-A test (if required)
* 30 Jun 17: Results available from second IELTS-A test

01 Jul-15 Sep 17: University Offers

* The IELTS-A results are submitted to the universities and the offers are issued by individual universities.
* Australia’s DA to Thailand makes the final selections for the 2018 DCSP positions based on the available university offers.

Aug-Oct 17: Academic Training

* Australia to offer academic training for selected candidates during the period Aug-Oct 17.