



APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

Katherine to RAAF Base Tindal	17kms
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MAP

A map of Katherine can be found on the [Defence Housing Australia \(DHA\)](#) website and [Google Maps](#)

Katherine is regarded as the gateway to the famous “Top End”. Situated 320kms south of Darwin on the banks of the Katherine River, with a population of approximately 10 000, Katherine has a diverse economic base comprising Defence, tourism, agriculture and mining. It is also the home of many government and Aboriginal services for the region, which extends all the way from the Queensland border to the Western Australian border.

Finding a property

RAAF Base Tindal does not provide private rentals, so if you wish to find a Rental Allowance (RA) property you will only be able to do so in Katherine. There are three real estate companies in Katherine - **Elders Real Estate**, **Ray White Rural**, and **LJ Hooker**.

As different requirements may exist for making a rental application you should contact the real estate directly to discuss the conditions.

NOTE - Ceiling increases to cover any rent above the ceiling entitlement is not guaranteed, and must meet the requirements as set out in the Defence Pay and Conditions Manual (**PACMAN**). You should check your eligibility before submitting a request.

House hunting trips

House hunting trips are subject to approval. If you wish to apply for a house hunting trip please refer to **PACMAN** for your entitlements or alternatively, contact DHA on **139 DHA (139 342)**.

Utilities

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free **Fast Connect** service, where they will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf – you can contact them on **1300 661 464** (local call cost) or access the service via the **DHA** website.

Public transport

There is no public transport, however, taxis are available.

Schools

Some schools in Katherine are zoned. For information on private and public schools visit the **Northern Territory Education and Training Directory**.



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Child care

Katherine has several day care centres, as well as family day care. Please note that waiting lists may apply. Some useful contacts are:

› Family Day Care Australia	1800 621 218
› ABC Learning Centres	1800 222 543
› Child Care Access Hotline	1800 670 305
› Department of Defence Child Care Centres	
› Australian Child Care Index	

Hospitals

› Katherine Hospital (Public)	(08) 8973 9211
› Kintore Clinic (Public)	(08) 8972 1677

Sport

There are many sporting and recreational activities in Katherine for all ages including fishing clubs, athletics centre, bowls, AFL, soccer, golf, rugby league, rugby union and netball.

Water restrictions

There are no water restrictions in the Northern Territory.

Where can I find more information?

- › [Katherine Town Council](#)
- › [Katherine Region Online](#)

Climate

Katherine has a monsoonal, subtropical climate with distinct wet and dry seasons. The dry season runs from April to September and the wet season runs from October through to March. Daily temperatures normally range from 24 – 35 degrees, though this can reach up to 40 degrees with very high humidity during the build-up to the wet season. Nights during the dry season can get quite cool with temperatures regularly dropping below 10 degrees.

Contact DHA

› DHA (139 DHA)	139 342
› Katherine Office Fax	(02) 6222 2265
› www.dha.gov.au	