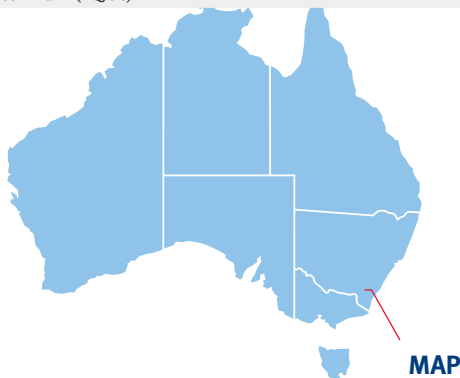




#### APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

City Centre to Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon	5kms
City Centre to Weston Creek Staff College	10kms
City Centre to RAAF Base Fairbairn	8kms
City Centre to Campbell Park	5kms
Gunghalin to City Centre	14kms
Woden to Weston Creek Staff College	7kms
City Centre to Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)	5kms
City Centre to HMAS Harman	10kms
City Centre to Russell Offices	5kms
City Centre to Headquarters Joint Operation Command (HQJOC)	24kms
Tuggeranong to City Centre	16kms
Queanbeyan to Headquarters Joint Operation Command (HQJOC)	14kms



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

Canberra is located in the Australian Capital Territory, which is surrounded by New South Wales. The city is 150km inland, 280km from Sydney and 660km from Melbourne. Canberra's population is approximately 325,000. Apart from Civic (the City Centre), Canberra is divided into four main 'town centres' - Woden, Tuggeranong, Gungahlin and Belconnen. Buses travel to and from all parts of the city and major shopping centres.

#### Finding a property

All of Canberra, Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra are suitable locations for housing. Many members find it difficult to secure housing due to the availability of properties, competitiveness of the market, lack of rental properties accepting pets, and the requirement to inspect the property before a tenancy application is accepted.

Two real estate websites you may find useful are [www.allhomes.com.au](http://www.allhomes.com.au) and [www.realestate.com.au](http://www.realestate.com.au).

Real estate agents commonly advertise properties only a few weeks before vacancy, with many only advertising after the property becomes vacant. Inspections of the properties are often 'open house' and are generally held in the afternoons during the week.

The inner southern and northern suburbs are more expensive than the outer lying areas. These include Kingston, Manuka, Griffith, City, Yarralumla, Bruce, Braddon, Turner, and Dickson. Many of these properties contain limited off street parking with a lack of lock-up facilities. Many fully-furnished apartments are located within the Woden and City area, convenient to transport and shopping.

**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.

#### Townhouses and units

Townhouses and units are subject to Body Corporate rules. Please ask your landlord or real estate agent for details. The ability to keep pets in townhouses is limited and you should check with the landlord or real estate agent in regards to this. Dogs must also be registered. If you have a pet you may find it easier to find a rental property in the outer suburbs.

#### 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

**Action Buses** run throughout Canberra, while **Deanes Buslines** cover the Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra areas, with limited services running between Queanbeyan and Canberra City.

### Schools

Public education in Canberra, Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra is zoned.

- › [Canberra public and private school listings](#)
- › [NSW public schools directory](#)
- › [List of schools with a Defence School Transition Aide](#)

### Child care

Canberra has both long day care and short day care centres, as well as family day care. Please note that waiting lists may apply. Some useful contacts are:

› <a href="#">Family Day Care Australia</a>	<b>1800 621 218</b>
› <a href="#">ABC Learning Centres</a>	<b>1800 222 543</b>
› Child Care Access Hotline	<b>1800 670 305</b>
› <a href="#">Department of Defence Child Care Centres</a>	
› <a href="#">Australian Child Care Index</a>	

### Hospitals

› The Canberra Hospital, Garran (Public)	<b>(02) 6244 2222</b>
› <a href="#">Calvary Hospital</a> , Bruce (Public/Private)	<b>(02) 6201 6111</b>

› <a href="#">John James Memorial Hospital</a> , Deakin (Private)	<b>(02) 6281 8100</b>
› <a href="#">Queanbeyan District Hospital</a> (Public)	<b>(02) 6298 9211</b>

### Sport

The Canberra region offers many sporting and recreational activities. Popular activities include cycling, kayaking on Lake Burley Griffin, hiking and skiing. The **Yellow Pages** website will help you locate local clubs and sporting grounds.

### Water restrictions

Water restrictions apply in Canberra and Queanbeyan, affecting the watering of lawns, gardens and vehicles.

- › [Canberra restrictions](#)
- › [Queanbeyan restrictions](#)

### Where can I find more information?

- › [Visit Canberra](#) contains information on accommodation, attractions, food, entertainment and sports found in Canberra and surrounding regions.
- › [The ACT Government](#) website provides information on all matters relating to residing in the ACT.
- › Members living in Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra should access the [Queanbeyan City Council](#) website.

### Contact DHA

› DHA (139 DHA)	<b>139 342</b>
› Canberra Office Fax	<b>(02) 6222 2247</b>
› <a href="#">www.dha.gov.au</a>	