

ADF Military Ranks and Roles








Royal Australian Navy (RAN)		Australian Army		Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)	
ADM	Admiral	GEN	General	ACM	Air Chief Marshal
VADM	Vice Admiral	LTGEN	Lieutenant General	AM	Air Marshal
RADM	Rear Admiral	MAJGEN	Major General	AVM	Air Vice-Marshal
CDRE	Commodore	BRIG	Brigadier	AIRCDRE	Air Commodore
CAPT	Captain	COL	Colonel	GPCAPT	Group Captain
CMDR	Commander	LTCOL	Lieutenant Colonel	WGCDR	Wing Commander
LCDR	Lieutenant Commander	MAJ	Major	SQNLDR	Squadron Leader
LEUT	Lieutenant	CAPT	Captain	FLTLT	Flight Lieutenant
SBLT	Sub Lieutenant	LT	Lieutenant	FLGOFF	Flying Officer
MIDN	Midshipman	2LT	Second Lieutenant	PLTOFF	Pilot Officer
WO	Warrant Officer	WO1	Warrant Officer Class 1 (or Regimental Sergeant Major)	WOFF	Warrant Officer
CPO	Chief Petty Officer	WO2	Warrant Officer Class 2 (or Company Sergeant Major)	FSGT	Flight Sergeant
PO	Petty Officer	SSGT	Staff Sergeant	SGT	Sergeant
LS	Leading Seaman	SGT	Sergeant	CPL	Corporal
AB	Able Seaman	CPL / BDR	Corporal / Bombardier (Artillery)	LAC/W	Leading Aircraftsman/woman
SMN	Seaman	LCPL/LBDR	Lance Corporal/Lance Bom- bardier (Artillery)	AC/W	Aircraftsman/woman
		PTE	Private		
		TPR	Trooper (Armoured Corps)		
		SPR	Sapper (Engineers)		
		SIG	Signaller (Signals)		

Roles		Structure	
Offr	Officer	OIC	Officer in Charge
OR	Other Rank (soldiers)	2IC	Second in Command
CO	Commanding Officer (of a unit)	Section	Sub-sub-sub element of a unit
OC	Officer Commanding (of a sub-element of a unit)	DCO	Defence Community Organisation
PI Comd	Platoon Commander (of a sub-sub element of a unit)	Platoon or Troop	Sub-sub element of a unit
RSM	Regimental Sergeant Major (most senior soldier of a unit or formation)	Unit	Regimental organisation eg. Regiment or Battalion
Sect Comd	Section Commander (usually 3-4 Sect Comd in a platoon, responsible for >12 soldiers)	Orderly Room	Administrative cell of a unit eg. for allowances, processing leave etc
CA	Chief of Army	Sub-Unit	Sub-element of a unit eg. Company, Battery or Squadron
CDF	Chief of the Defence Force		
CGS	Chief of the General Staff, also Deputy Chief of the Army	RAP	Regimental Aid Post (first aid, triage, medical)
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal	PsST	Psychological Support Team (field or unit based psychs)
FLO	Family Liaison Officer		
OPSO	Operations Officer		
QM	Quartermaster – runs the Q Store for uniform/equipment supplies		

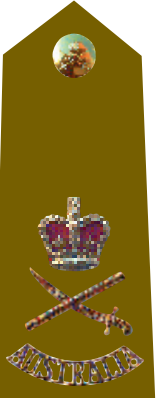




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NAVY

										
Admiral ADML	Vice Admiral VADM	Rear Admiral RADM	Commodore CDRE	Captain CAPT	Commander CMDR	Lieutenant Commander LCDR	Lieutenant LEUT	Sub Lieutenant SBLT	Acting Sub Lieutenant ASLT	Midshipman MIDN
										

ARMY

									
General GEN	Lieutenant General LTGEN	Major General MAJGEN	Brigadier BRIG	Colonel COL	Lieutenant Colonel LTCOL	Major MAJ	Captain CAPT	Lieutenant LT	2nd Lieutenant 2LT









AIR FORCE

										
Air Chief Marshal ACM	Air Marshal AIRMSHL	Air Vice-Marshal AVM	Air Commodore AIRCDORE	Group Captain GPCAPT	Wing Commander WGCDR	Squadron Leader SQNLDR	Flight Lieutenant FLTLT	Flying Officer FLGOFF	Pilot Officer PLTOFF	Officer Cadet OFFCDT

NAVY

						
Warrant Officer of the Navy WO-N	Warrant Officer WO	Chief Petty Officer CPO	Petty Officer PO	Leading Seaman LS	Able Seaman AB	Seaman SMN

ARMY

							
Regimental Sergeant Major of the Army RSM-A	Warrant Officer Class 1 WO1	Warrant Officer Class 2 WO2	Staff Sergeant SSGT	Sergeant SGT	Corporal or Bombardier CPL/BDR	Lance Corporal or Lance Bombardier LCPL/LBDR	No Insignia Private PTE

AIR FORCE

							
Warrant Officer of the Air Force WOFF-AF	Warrant Officer WOFF	Flight Sergeant FSGT	Sergeant SGT	Corporal CPL	Leading Aircraftman/Aircraftwoman LAC/W	Aircraftman/Aircraftwoman AC/W	Non-Commissioned Officer Cadet NCOCDT