



## Australia Opens Armed Forces to Non-Citizens

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Australia will allow **non-citizen permanent residents** who have been living in Australia for at least 12 months to join the Australian armed forces starting in July 2024.

- This is due to Australia struggling to meet recruitment targets for its military.
- Citizens from the [Five Eyes countries](#) will be favoured to join.
  - The **Five Eyes** is an **intelligence alliance** comprising **Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the US**.
  - These countries are parties to the multilateral [UK-USA Agreement](#).
- Australia is **bolstering its military** by ramping up recruitment in **response to a perceived growing threat from China** and a current defence personnel count of around 90,000.



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