



DEFENCE CAPABILITY PLAN 2025

The Defence Capability Plan 2025 is the Government's plan to rebuild the NZDF and prepare for an increasingly volatile world. While this plan has been designed with a 15-year horizon in mind, it deliberately focuses on critical investments in the next four years to ensure we can adapt as the world around us changes.



To respond to the deteriorating strategic environment the NZDF needs to be increasingly combat capable, interoperable with our partners, able to act as a force multiplier with Australia, and make the most of innovations which allow us to be more effective. To do this over the next 15 years we will invest in:



A focused and combat capable Navy with a mixture of combat, patrol, and multirole ships.



An Army that can operate independently, integrate with Australia, has improved strike capabilities, and is fully networked.



An Air Force that operates globally, with select combat capability, and which provides situational awareness and intelligence.



























Strengthened cyber and information capabilities to protect the NZDF's networks and systems, and provide defensive cyber, electronic and information warfare effects.



A workforce with the physical and digital infrastructure that is fit-for-purpose for a modern defence force.

MAJOR INVESTMENTS 2025 - 2028

-  Enhanced strike capabilities
-  Frigate sustainment programme
-  Persistent surveillance (uncrewed autonomous vessels)
-  Replacing the maritime helicopters
-  Javelin anti-tank missile upgrade
-  Network Enabled Army
-  Special Operations sustainment
-  Vehicles for the NZDF
-  Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems
-  Long-range remotely piloted aircraft (drones)
-  Replacing the Boeing 757 fleet
-  Space capabilities
-  Enhancing cyber security capabilities
-  Enterprise resource planning
-  Improved intelligence functions
-  Updating classified digital services
-  Accommodation, messing, and dining modernisation
-  Defence estate regeneration
-  Defence housing programme
-  Future Devonport naval base design
-  Ohakea infrastructure programme
-  Defence Science & Technology uplift
-  Technology Accelerator
-  Information management
-  Digital modernisation
-  Logistics resilience
-  Consolidated Logistics Project infrastructure
-  Implementing a workforce strategy

The Defence Capability Plan outlines indicative spending of \$12 billion on major capability and critical supports over the next four years. These indicative investments focus on what is required in the short term to rebuild the NZDF and prepare for future.

INDICATIVE SPEND BY AREA

