



Interim MATS Amendment

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Title	Defence Callsigns - 12SQN		
Valid from	27 November 2025	Valid to	19 March 2026
CRC	47201		
Replaces	Nil		
Background	Air Force reformed 12 SQN in October 2025 and plans to commence flying operations shortly. This IMA reallocates callsigns from existing Army and Air Force units to 12 SQN.		

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Clause number	Action
6.2.2.1	Clause updated
6.2.2.2	Clause updated

6.2.2.1 Air Force callsigns

Unit/location	Aircraft type	Single aircraft designator	Flight plan designator	Formation designator	Flight plan designator
CAF		Chieftain	CHIEF		
HQAC		Huntsman	HTMN		
HQALG Richmond		Safari	SFRI		
HQACG Williamtown		Goshawk	GHWK	Fairway	FWAY

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1FTS East Sale	PC21	Charlie (student solo)	CHLE	Avon	AVON
		Check (test flight)	CHCK	Garret	GART
		Roller (dual training)	ROLR	Gypsy	GYPS
				Merlin	MERL
		Ember (student solo)	EMBR	Flashlight	FLGT
				Lantern	LTRN
78 WG Williamtown	HAWK	Republic	RPLC	Eureka	ERKA
				Stockade	STKD
81 WG Williamtown	F35	Empire	EMPR	Hotfoot	HTFT
				Searcher	SRCH
82 WG Amberley		Falcon	FALC	Demon	DEMN
		Ramrod	RAMD	Sonic	SONC
				Sword	SWRD
84 WG Richmond		Atlas	ATLS		
86 WG Amberley		Titan	TITN		
92 WG Edinburgh	P3	Striker	STKR	Neptune	NPTN
	P8	Blackcat	BLKT	Trident	TRDT
1 SQN Amberley	F18S	Buckshot	BUCK	Cannon	CANN
				Carbine	CARB
				Carnage	CRNG
				Colt	COLT
				Pistol	PSTL
2FTS Pearce	PC21	Cygnets (student solo)	CYGT	Sabot	SBOT
		Dugite (student solo)	DUGT	Salvo	SLVO
		Sierra (student solo)	SIRA	Samba	SAMB
		Viper	VIPR	Slingshot	SLNG
				Snake eye	SNKE
				Stinger	STGR
				Valiant	VALT
				Vampire	VAMP
				Vanguard	VNGD
				Vantage	VANT
				Vixen	VIXN
				Voodoo	VODO
				Vortex	VORT
				Vulcan	VULC
		Tango (test sortie)	TANG	Tattler	TATT
				Tawny	TWNY
				Teal	TEAL
				Terek	TREK
				Triller	TRIL

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2 OCU Williamtown	F35	Maple	MAPL	Ambush Hawkeye Hipshot Homberg Hoodoo Hornet	ABSH HEYE HPST HOBG HDDO HORN
				Hunter Hydrant Streak Talon Toxin Tripod	HUTR HYDT STRE TALN TOXN TRPD
2 SQN Williamtown	E737	Dogtail Highrise Mitchell Preacher Surfer Wedgetail	DGTL HIRS MTCH PRER SRFR WGTL		
3 SQN Williamtown	F35	Baron	BARN	Apache Cobra Lancer Raider	APCH CBRA LNCR RADR
				Adder Mamba Zulu	ADDR MAMB ZULU
4 SQN Williamtown	PC21	Raven	RAVN	Mayhem Rake Reaper Snoopy	MYHM RAKE REPR SNPY
6 SQN Amberley	F18S	Wolf	WOLF	Brutal Ruthless Sabre Savage	BRUT RUTH SABR SAVG
9 SQN Edinburgh	Q4	Albatross	ALBT		
10 SQN Edinburgh	GLF5	Shade	SHDE	Striker	STKR
11 SQN Edinburgh	P8	Blackcat	BLKT		
12 SQN Edinburgh	P8	Buffalo Vengeance	BFLO VENG		
32 SQN East Sale	B350	Beaufort Dingo Hudson Torch (mission aircrew training)	BFRT DNGO HDSN TRCH	Draggie Howlette Turbo	DRAG HLTE TRBO

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33 SQN Amberley	A332	Dragon Gasser Windsor	DRGN GASR WNSR	Brimstone Thumper	BRIM THUM
34 SQN Fairbairn	B737 FA7X	Envoy	EVY		
	Various	Regent Wisdom	RGNT WSDM		
35 SQN Amberley	C27J	Chaos Valour Wallaby	KAOS VALO WLBY	Mongrel Samurai Warlord	MNGL SMRI WLRD
36 SQN Amberley	C17	Stallion	STAL	Canter Charger Pacer Thunder	CANT CHGR PACR TNDR
37 SQN Richmond	C130	Trojan	TROJ	Archer Arrow Odyssey Warrior	ACHR ARRW ODSY WARR
75 SQN Tindal	F35	Classic	CLAS	Blackbird Buzzard Condor Magpie Sparrow	BKBD BZRD CNDR MPIE SPRW
76 SQN Williamtown	HAWK	Panther	PTHR	Bobcat Cheetah Cougar	BBCT CHET COGR
				Leopard Lynx Puma Tiger	LEPD LYNX PUMA TIGR
77 SQN Williamtown	F35	Despot	DPOT	Odin Pirate Shogun	ODIN PRTE SHOG
				Spectre Tyrant Viking Warlock	SPCT TRNT VIKG WRLK
79 SQN Pearce	HAWK	Phoenix	PHNX	Devil Fury Ghost Phantom Raptor	DEVL FURY GHST PHTM RAPT

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100 SQN Point Cook/ Temora	Various	Single aircraft or formation designator	CTRY HRTG	Optional suffix	
		Century Heritage		For formations BLACK BLUE GOLD RED WHITE YELLOW For single aircraft UNIT ASSIGNED NUMBER	
285 SQN Richmond	C130	Mentor	MNTR	Kongo Wizard	KNGO WZRD
292 SQN Edinburgh	P8	Mariner	MRNR		
ARDU Edinburgh	Various	Tester	TEST	Delta Lambda Omega Sigma Theta	DLTA LMDA OMGA SGMA THAT
Australian Air Force Cadets	All	Joey Astra	JOEY ASTR		
CFS East Sale	PC21	Aladdin	ALDN	Bearcat Mustang Spitfire Tempest Typhoon	BRCT MUST SPIT TMPS TYPN
				Roulettes Roulettes Black Roulettes Blue Roulettes Red Roulettes White	RLTS RLTK RLTU RLTR RLTW
		Central	CTRL	Camel Corsair Oxford	CAML COSR OXFD
RAAF International	All	Aussie	ASY		
RSAF Flight Screening Jandakot	CT4B	Harrier	HARR		

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RSAF Oakey Detachment	H64	Redhawk	RHWK	Aspen	ASPN
	EC25	Starling	STRL	Opal Topaz	OPAL TOPZ
	H47	Cyclops Diamond	CYCP DIAM	Concorde Celtic Cyclops Ruby	CNCD CELT CYCP RUBY
130 SQN RSAF Pearce	PC21	Eagle Tango (test flight)	EGLE TANG	Cyclone Lightning Monsoon Storm Twister	CYCN LTNG MONS STRM TWST

Note 1: RAAF aircraft formations are identified by a single word callsign drawn from the list of suffixes for the operating squadron or unit. Individual aircraft within a formation are identified numerically using the formation position number prefixed with a daily task number e.g. formation callsign CANN contain individual elements CANN11, CANN12, CANN13, etc. Aircraft broken from a formation do not use the group form radio telephony e.g. CANN11 would be pronounced 'CANNON ONE ONE'.

Note 1: When two or more military aircraft (single or formation) join in formation, the lead aircraft may append COMBINE to their single or formation callsign to become the newly joined formation callsign e.g. 'DRGN10 COMBINE'.

6.2.2.2 Army callsigns

Unit/location	Aircraft type	Single aircraft or formation designator	Flight plan designator	Optional suffix all units	Suffix designator all units
HQ AVNCOMD/OAKEY	Various	Kestrel Salty	KSTL SALT	For formations BLACK	BLK
HQ 16 AVN BDE/TOWNSVILLE	Various	Husky Vigilance	HUSK VIGL	BLUE	BLU
HQ 1 AVN REGT/DARWIN	TIGR	Griffin Namarrkon	GRFN NMKN	GOLD	GLD
161 RECCE SQN/TOWNSVILLE	APCH	Angry Apex Ghost Possum Overlord Warthog	AGRY APEX GHST PSSM OVER WTHG	RED	RED
162 RECCE SQN/DARWIN	TIGR	Blade Drover Marlin Nighthawk Sniper Tropic	BADE DOVR MRLN NTHK SNPR TROP	WHITE	WTE
HQ 5 AVN REGT/TOWNSVILLE	CH47	Pegasus	PEGS	YELLOW	YLW
				For single aircraft TAIL NUMBER or SQN/UNIT ASSIGNED NUMBER	

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A SQN/TOWNSVILLE	Various	Broadsword Brolga Cormorant Curlew Destrier Dropbear Sandy	BSWD BROL CORM CURL DEST DPBR SNDY	For formations BLACK BLUE GOLD RED WHITE YELLOW	BLK BLU GLD RED WTE YLW
B SQN/OAKEY	AW139/H60	Angel Halo Jackal Liberty Magic Prodigy Warhorse Wombat	ANGL HALO JAKL LBTY MGIC PRDG WHSE WMBT	For single aircraft TAIL NUMBER or SQN/UNIT ASSIGNED NUMBER	
C SQN/TOWNSVILLE	CH47	Brahman Caveman Chainsaw Fatboy Madcow Stampede Stockman	BRMN CVMN CHSW FTBY MDCW STPD SKMN		
HQ 6 AVN REGT/ HOLSWORTHY	H60	Asgard Cavalier Centurion Heimdal Thor	ASGD CAVA CTRN HEIM THOR		
171 SOA SQN/ HOLSWORTHY	H60	Disco Duke Judge Justice Phalanx Prophet	DSCO DUKE JUDG JUST PHLX PRPH		
173 SQN/ HOLSWORTHY	H60	Bayonet Bushman Claymore Enfield Redback Valkyrie Venom	BAYN BSMN CLAY ENFD RDBK VALK VENM		
HQ AAvtTC/OAKEY	Various	Breaker Monarch	BRKR MRCH		

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SAA/OAKEY	Various	Finch Firetail Juno Knight Legion Trooper Waler	FNCH FRTL JUNO KNGT LGON TRPR WALR	For formations BLACK BLUE GOLD RED WHITE YELLOW	BLK BLU GLD RED WTE YLW
SAA TTW/ TOWNSVILLE	CH47	Crowe Easy Patriot Tornado	CROW EASY PATR TORN	For single aircraft TAIL NUMBER or SQN/UNIT ASSIGNED NUMBER	
AATES/OAKEY	Various	Eightball Billiard Snooker Checker	EBAL BLRD SNKR CHKR		
AWES/OAKEY	Various	Scimitar Scout Keystone	SCIM SCOT KSTN		

