

Discrimination (Leidos) Exemption 2019 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2019-105

made under the

***Discrimination Act 1991*, section 109 (Grant of exemptions)**

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Discrimination (Leidos) Exemption 2019 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Exemption decision—Discrimination Act, s 109

The Human Rights Commission exempts Leidos Australia Pty Limited from the operation of sections 10, 13, 20, 23 and 69 of the *Discrimination Act 1991* for a period of 3 years.

4 Conditions on exemption

The conditions of the exemption are set out in the attached decision of the Human Rights Commission under the *Discrimination Act 1991*, section 109 (Grant of exemptions).



Karen Toohey
Discrimination Commissioner

Dated: 27 February 2019

Pursuant to section 109 of the *Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT)*, the Human Rights Commission grants Leidos Australia Pty Limited (Leidos) an exemption from the operation of sections 10, 13, 20, 23 and 69 of the *Discrimination Act* subject to the following terms:

CONDUCT

Leidos may engage in the following conduct in the Australian Capital Territory:

Applicants for employment

1. Inform applicants for employment in roles which will require access to Controlled Technology and are subject to permits, licences, approvals or agreements made under US and Australian import and export control laws that they may be adversely affected by the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR)* and the *Export Administration Regulations (EAR)* controls if they are not an Australian citizen or if they hold dual nationality and/or citizenship from proscribed countries.

Request for information about nationality

2. Request information from prospective employees, individual contractors and employees of contractors (**contractors**) who perform work on Leidos' or a Customer's premises and who are subject to Leidos' control and direction for positions related to projects which use Controlled Technology, in relation to the prospective employee or contractor's citizenship, previous citizenships, race or nationality, or substantive contacts where such contacts are affiliated with countries proscribed by section 126.1 of ITAR, providing this request for information is limited to information for determining whether an application for authorisation would be required to allow the job candidate to have that access and whether in Leidos' reasonable judgment that application would have significant prospects of success.

Use of nationality information

3. Impose a condition on any offer of employment in roles which are likely to require access to Controlled Technology that the person must, pursuant to ITAR controls, be authorised to access that material whether pursuant to an individual approval obtained from the United States' Department of State or otherwise.
4. Take an employee or contractor's citizenship, previous citizenships, race or nationality, or substantive contacts where such contacts are affiliated with countries proscribed by section 126.1 of ITAR into account in determining whether that person may be offered a role or allocated work that involves access to Controlled Technology;
5. Maintain records of the nationalities and citizenships of employees and contractors who have or may have access to Controlled Technology;

6. Require present and future employees and contractors involved in projects which access Controlled Technology to notify Leidos of any change to their citizenship status;
7. Restrict access to Controlled Technology to particular Leidos employees and contractors based on their citizenship, previous citizenships, race or nationality, or substantive contacts where such contacts are affiliated with countries proscribed by section 126.1 of ITAR;
8. Record information relating to security clearances granted to employees of Leidos and employees of contractors who are under the control and direction of Leidos in relation to work requiring access to Controlled Technology;
9. Impose limitations or prohibitions on access to Controlled Technology on persons not authorised to access that material;
10. Maintain records of the nationalities of persons who have or will have access to Controlled Technology, with distribution limited to only those persons with a need to know, for the purposes of determining their ability to participate in a particular engagement; and
11. Establish security systems and access protocols that will prevent the unauthorised re-export or re-transfer of Controlled Technology;
12. Disclose, if and when required, citizenship, previous citizenships, race or nationality, or substantive contacts where such contacts are affiliated with countries proscribed by section 126.1 of ITAR, of Leidos' employees and contractors in the ACT to:
 - a. the United States' Department of State;
 - b. the United States' Department of Commerce;
 - c. the Australian Department of Defence; and
 - d. any other organisation for which, or on whose behalf, or at whose request Leidos undertakes work in respect of which Leidos has directly or indirectly an obligation not to transfer Controlled Technology to persons of certain nationalities.

CONDITIONS

1. The exemption applies only to Leidos' conduct where:
 - a. it is necessary to enable it to obtain and manage ITAR export licensing or to perform contractual obligations which involve access to Controlled Technology;
 - b. it has taken all steps that are reasonably available to avoid engaging in conduct which would otherwise be in breach of sections 10, 13, 23 and 69 of the Act, including:
 - (i) reliance on ITAR exemptions, exceptions or other provisions, including clause 126.18 of ITAR, where applicable;
 - (ii) where an employment job candidate, employee or contractor is a national or dual national of a country not approved for access to Controlled Technology, then Leidos will either request the United States Department of State, or request the relevant export license holder(s) to request the Department of State to amend the relevant export licenses to enable the person to have access to Controlled Technology, unless Leidos, on reasonable grounds, determines that either:

the job candidate, employee or contractor is not the best candidate for the position; or

such an application does not have significant prospects of success.

and

- (iii) in the event that the United States Department of State requires Leidos to provide further information specific to the person, then with the consent of that person, Leidos will work with the person to supply all relevant information to the United States Department of State so that an application for approval may be made in relation to that person.
2. Where, pursuant to this exemption, Leidos wishes to reserve the right to make a conditional offer of employment in relation to a position which will or may involve access to Controlled Technology, any advertisement, invitation for expressions of interest, or other promotional information referring to the position must include the information that:
 - a. the position will or is likely to require access to Controlled Technology and that any person occupying the position must be able to satisfy ITAR-based requirements which may require specific authorisation for that person to access Controlled Technology; and

7. Leidos' employment or other relevant policies shall be amended as soon as reasonably possible so as to refer to the terms of this exemption, including all conditions attaching to it, and to make clear that the purpose of Leidos' request for nationality information is made solely for the purposes of compliance with legal and regulatory obligations imposed pursuant to the defence export control laws of Australia and the United States.
8. Leidos is required to provide a written report to the ACT Human Rights Commission on 31 July and 28 February each year, from the date of this instrument of exemption, over the period of the exemption, detailing:
 - a. the steps it has taken to comply with the above conditions;
 - b. the number of persons affected by this exemption, the nature of the effects, and the steps taken to address any adverse effects;
 - c. the anti-discrimination training of employees and contractors provided by Leidos; and
 - d. implementation and compliance generally with the terms of this exemption order.

The exemption is granted for a period of three years.

This decision is a notifiable instrument and must be notified under the [Legislation Act](#).

SIGNED by the ACT Discrimination Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. L. ...', is written over a faint, illegible stamp or watermark.

Dated 27 February 2019