
MILSKIL
THE COMPANY

Who is Milskil?

- Milskil was formed in 2001 by John Lonergan (a former RAAF fighter pilot) as a 100% Australian owned Professional Services company that focuses on high-end Operational capability.
- We are headquartered in Newcastle, New South Wales (NSW), with principle service locations in Newcastle and the Brisbane area in Queensland (QLD), both on the east coast of Australia.
- We have been recognised as the only Strategic Partner to the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) for the delivery of Air Combat related training.
- We deliver diverse, but niche, integrated solutions that develop, support and fast-track operational capabilities for the Military, Government and Commercial clients.
- Milskil instructors are all former Military aircrew or operations instructors, so we expect the best from ourselves and each other, we share a similar ethos.

What does Milskil do?

- We provide simulated and synthetic training and ground school to Australian military aircrew on Classic Hornet, Super Hornet, Growler and Hawk Lead-in-Fighter aircraft.
- We have also provided JTAC, Electronic Warfare and Air Battle Management training within the Royal Australian Air Force.
- We have supported aerial firefighting services in the civil emergency sector.

What makes Milskil different?

- Our instructors are Qualified, Experienced and Respected, and come from many different military aircraft and operations backgrounds.
- We focus on delivering exceptional capability to our clients from Operational Conversion training to Mission Rehearsal, through to Fighter Weapons course qualifications.
- Milskil is so integrated with Defence we are like another Air Force Squadron.

What does the future hold for Milskil?

- Our future is bright and growing rapidly.
- We anticipate expanding our operational aircrew training for more Australian military capabilities in the near future.
- We plan to strengthen our support to the fire and emergency management sectors.
- Australia is fast developing its own Live, Virtual, and Constructive (LVC) training capability and we are placed to be a founding partner in that development for the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Where does Milskil operate from in Australia?

- Milskil has instructor personnel based on RAAF Base Williamtown, near Newcastle NSW. We also have personnel based on RAAF Base Amberley, near Brisbane, QLD. Our Corporate Headquarters is located in the Newcastle location.

What jobs are available in Milskil?

- Milskil delivers high-end operational warfighter training to the Air Combat aircrew of the Royal Australian Air Force in Classic Hornet, Super Hornet and Growler aircraft.
- We teach academic classroom lessons as well as simulator sessions. This may extend to back seat instruction in the aircraft.
- Our Air Combat instructors include Instructor Pilots (IP), Qualified Flying Instructors (QFI) or Fighter Combat Instructors (FCI) (Weapons School graduates). We also employ Instructor Weapons Systems Officers (IWSO) and Instructor Electronic Warfare Officers (IEWO).
- Our instruction ranges from operational conversion courses, to tactics development, mission rehearsals, operational work ups and Fighter Weapons School support.
- We also employ Air Battle Management specialists to provide instruction and simulation support in the Air Combat and Air Defence domains of the Australian Defence Force.

Why work for Milskil?

- Milskil is a professional company, offering great benefits and is located in fantastic locations on the east coast of Australia.
- If you work for Milskil you will continue to be part of the operational military community, without being away from your family for long periods of time.
- Milskil is focussed on delivering exceptional operational capability to our clients and we pride ourselves on the quality of our instruction.

BRISBANE LIFESTYLE

Where is Brisbane?

- Brisbane is the State capital of Queensland. Brisbane has just over one million people and is located on the east coast of Australia.
- Brisbane is a modern city, located on a river front and with easy access to beaches, markets, lots of restaurants and cafes.
- Brisbane is located at [27°28'S 153°02'E](#):
- Visit the Brisbane website: <http://www.visitbrisbane.com.au/>

What is the weather like in Brisbane?

- Brisbane has a humid subtropical climate.
- The mean maximum temperature is 26 degrees Celsius (80F) and the mean minimum temperature is 16 degrees Celsius (61F). Annual rainfall is 1021 mm (40in).

What is Brisbane like to live in?

- Brisbane is a modern place for families to live.
- There are public and private schools.
- Public transport makes it easy to get around.
- Housing is a good standard and can range from apartments to single level houses on its own block.
- There is everything you need at the large shopping malls, or you can order online using the internet.
- There is a world class healthcare system with public and private hospitals.

How does living in Brisbane compare to the USA?

- Living in Brisbane is very similar to living in the USA.
- Australians drive on the left side of the road.
- Medical, banking and transport systems are all first world.
- Brisbane has an international airport and it is only 12 hours flying back to the west coast of the USA.
- Australia uses the metric system of measurement and money.
- Food is very similar to America, with lots of fresh produce available.
- Most religious denominations are represented in Australia.

NEWCASTLE LIFESTYLE

Where is Newcastle?

- Newcastle is located about 2 hours, or 162 kilometres, north of Sydney on the east coast of Australia, in the state of New South Wales (NSW).
- Newcastle is located at [32°55'S 151°45'E](#)
- Visit the Newcastle Australia website: <http://www.visitnewcastle.com.au/>

What is the weather like in Newcastle?

- The weather in Newcastle is considered mild with ranges from 18-28 degrees Celsius in the middle of summer to 6-18 degrees Celsius in the winter. The mean maximum temperature is 22 degrees Celsius (71F) and the mean minimum temperature is 14 degrees Celsius (58F). Annual rainfall is 1133mm (44.6 in).

What is Newcastle like to live in?

- Newcastle is Australia's 7th largest city and largest regional city, located in an area called the Hunter Region.
- Newcastle has just over 160,000 people, with a total of nearly 650,000 people in the greater Hunter region.
- The Hunter Region is the largest growth centre in NSW outside of Sydney.
- Newcastle is a great city, is near to beaches, lots of restaurants, cafes and the Hunter Valley wine region.
- Newcastle is like living in San Diego, just more relaxed.
- Newcastle is a great, modern place for families to live and it is very safe.
- The schools and University are good, with public transport around town and to Sydney.
- Housing is a good standard and ranges from apartments to single dwelling houses.
- You can get everything you need at the large shopping malls, or you may order online via the internet.
- There is a world class healthcare system.
- Newcastle is 2 hrs from Sydney, and is amongst the holiday beach parks, the Hunter wineries and horse breeding industry.
- There is numerous water sports in the area, including dolphin and whale watching and fishing.

How does living in Newcastle compare to the USA?

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- Australians drive on the left side of the road.
- Medical, banking and transport systems are all first world.
- Newcastle has a large regional airport with links to international flights out of Brisbane or Sydney and it is only 12 hours flying back to the west coast of the USA.

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IMMIGRATING TO AUSTRALIA

What is the process of immigrating to Australia like?

- The immigration process to Australia is quite straight forward. The timeline has reduced to around 4-5 months.
- Milskil supports you through the immigration process and appoints an immigration attorney to assist you in the process.
- Milskil sponsors you and your family's immigration under one Visa which entitles you to Permanent Residency status and access to Government provided healthcare and public schooling. In due course you may elect to apply for Australian citizenship.

Are you still a US citizen after you immigrate to Australia?

- You are still a US citizen after you immigrate to Australia to work for Milskil.
- You are considered an Australian resident and in time you can apply to be an Australian citizen.
- Your Visa allows you to travel freely around Australia and back to the USA.
- Your family is sponsored under the one Visa.

What do I need to do when I first arrived in Australia?

- Milskil assists with immigration and sponsoring you and your family to move to Australia, as well as the costs associated with removals, flights, transport and temporary accommodation on arrival.
- You can get advice from Milskil staff and other ex-US employees in the Company on where to live and where the schools are located.
- You will need to get an Australian drivers licence, Australian bank account and Australian security clearance. This is a very straight forward process.
- Australia does not use Social Security Numbers.

What can I bring to Australia?

- You can bring your own furniture and household items to Australia.
- The Australian electricity is 240V so your USA appliances won't work unless you purchase a transformer. This can be costly.
- It can be costly to ship your car over to Australia.
- You can bring pets. They will be subject to a quarantine and health check process before being allowed entry to the country.
- You will need to get a new mobile phone provider when you arrive in Australia.

What if I change my mind?

- An offer to work at Milskil is genuine and should not be considered a TDY or 'try before you buy' option.
- If you change your mind about living in Australia and working for Milskil inside of three years of your arrival, that is your choice. But you will no longer have the Company sponsorship to work in Australia and you will have to return home to the USA at your own cost.
- If you change your mind about moving to Australia after you have signed on with Milskil, but before you leave the USA, you may be asked to repay immigration costs already incurred by Milskil to process your immigration Visa.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

What do I have to pay as part of the immigration process?

- You will have to pay for storage costs of personal goods left in the USA and any personal financial advice you seek.
- You will have to pay for ongoing rental or purchase costs of housing and cars after the initial arrival period.
- You will need to open a new bank account with an Australian bank.
- You will need to find a new mobile phone provider.
- Australia does not use Social Security Numbers.

What does Milskil pay for as part of the immigration process?

- Milskil provides financial assistance for the legal and immigration costs of moving to Australia, as well as removal of your household goods, flights, temporary accommodation, rental car and incidentals.

What is the cost of living in Australia?

- Milskil pays a globally competitive salary which allows you and your family to live comfortably in Australia.
- The cost of living in Australia is considered slightly higher than the USA.
- As part of your Australian tax you may pay a levy to fund the government subsidised Medicare system.
- You may choose to also pay for private health care insurance.
- Public schooling is largely free of charge, with private schooling attracting school fees of various amounts.

What are the tax implications of working and living in Australia?

- As an employee of an Australian Company, you are paid in Australian dollars and you pay Australian tax.
- You can still earn a USA military pension and that is dealt with under US tax laws.