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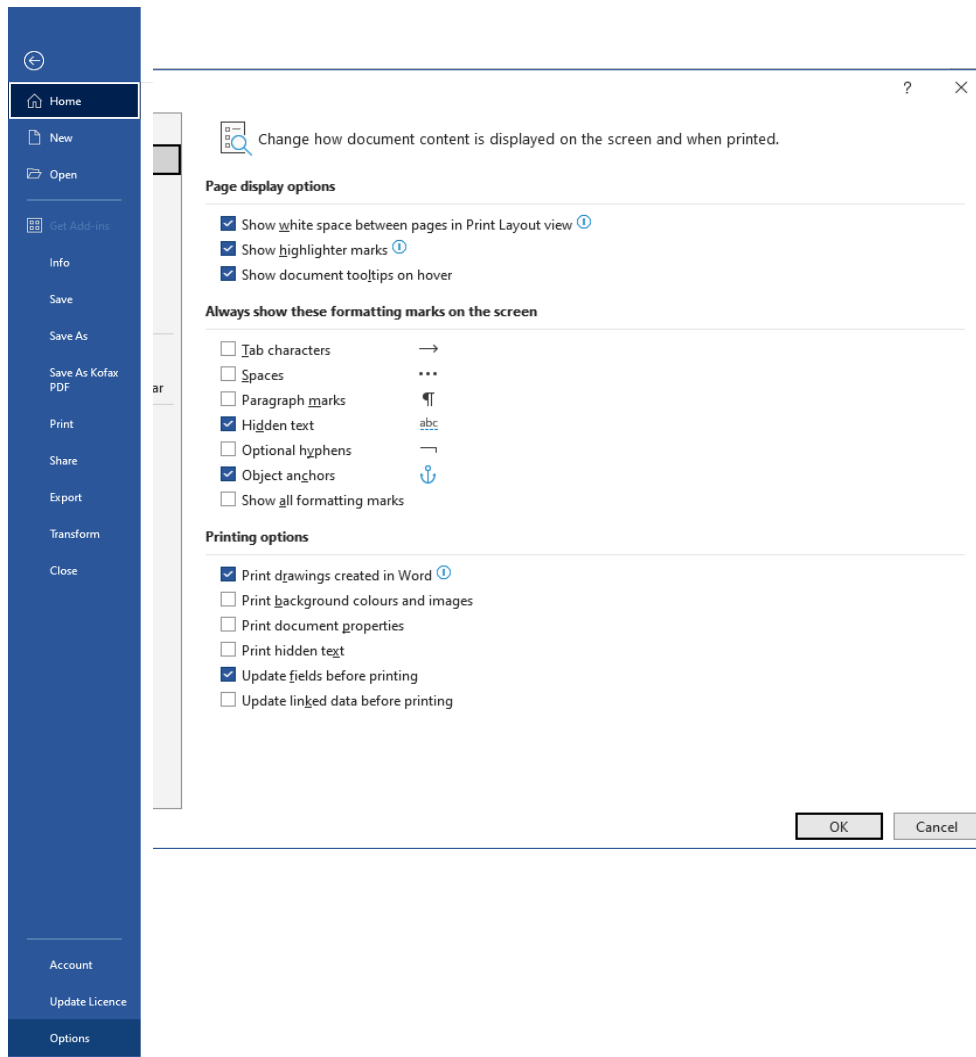
AUKUS MARITIME INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2025:

Stage 1 Submission Form Guidance

For the AUKUS Maritime Autonomy and Information Warfare Challenge all 3 nations are using the same submission form to capture the Stage 1 information.

The form is set up in Microsoft Word to allow rich text fields to be used. To get the best functionality please set your computer to allow automatic updating of fields when printing. This can be done by following the path

File – Options – Display and ensuring the “Update fields before printing” box is checked



The form is divided into 3 sections covering Organisation Details, Proposal Description and Commercial Information.



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Section 1

Organisation name – Use this field to enter the official name of your organisation.

Business Registration number – Please enter an official business Registration Number in this field. These can be obtained from

| Nation | Site(s) |
|-----------|---|
| UK | Companies House |
| Australia | ABN Lookup |
| USA | Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) |

If you do not have a number please enter None

Contact Name and e-mail – Please enter the name and e-mail contact for the main contact point for communication regarding your submission. You can use a line feed to enter the e-mail details after the name

Organisation Registered Address – This is your organisation's full registered address, including Country. Multiline entries are permitted

Country of Tax Residency – Please enter the country of tax residency – this is required for commercial reasons

Work Location – Indicate the expected location of the research work to be undertaken

Expected subcontractors – Here we require a list of any organisations you think may be working with you if you are successful with your bid. Please follow the instructions to add lines as you need.

Section 2 – Proposal outline

Proposal Title – Please give your proposal an appropriate title to help us identify.

Proposal Abstract - Please describe in brief what you will deliver under the proposed work programme.

Desirability – Use this field to describe how your proposal meets the aims of the call. Please note the guiding sections to help structure your response. You can describe other issues related to the desirability and end use of your technology. This is a rich text field and can support formatted text and images can be inserted in the field.

There is a word count limit to this section. Please enter the number of words you have used in the appropriate field.



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Nb Word count can be checked by selecting the whole content of the textbox and checking the word count on the Status bar (bottom left of the MS Word window). See <https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/office/show-word-count-3c9e6a11-a04d-43b4-977c-563a0e0d5da3> for further details.

Current Technology Readiness Level / Planned Technology Readiness Level – Please select appropriate values so that we can see the status of your proposed programme of work.

Technical Description – Use this field to describe the technical aspects of your proposal. Please note the guiding sections to help structure your response. You can describe refer to other technical matters. This is a rich text field and can support formatted text and images can be inserted in the field. As with the Desirability field you should indicate your word count in the appropriate field.

Commercial/Viability – Use this section to describe the final output of your project and the expected duration.

Rough order of magnitude cost – Please enter a rough cost estimate for your proposal. Enter the value in the field containing the local currency of the submission portal. On printing or saving as a pdf the other fields will automatically calculate using a common exchange rate to allow comparison across the 3 AUKUS nations.

Section 3 – Company background

Please use this section to describe your organisation. This field is not compulsory and does not make up part of the review for Stage 1 submissions.

Acceptance

Please check your answers correctly before saving your completed form as a pdf file. If you have a submission number before you save the form please use that as the file name followed by your organisation name. If you have no submission number please use your organisation name. If you plan to submit more than one bid please uniquely identify each submission form.