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DEFCA401B Undertake security operations

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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This unit covers the competency required to operate as a *team* member during the conduct of *security operations* in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Security operations involve a variety of *activities* conducted in a threat environment.

This competency forms the basis for the following competencies:

- DEFCA402B Undertake defensive operations
- DEFCA403B Undertake offensive operations.

Application of the Unit

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The application of this unit in the workplace - the environments, complexities and situations involved - will be written during Phase II of the Review of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package.

This text will be useful for the purposes of job descriptions, recruitment advice or job analysis; where possible, it will not be too job specific to allow other industries to import it into other Training Packages, where feasible.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite Unit/s Nil

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a Unit of Competency.

Performance Criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the Required Skills and Knowledge and/or the Range Statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Prepare for security operations	<p>1.1 Security operation orders are received and clarified where required</p> <p>1.2 <i>Battle procedure</i> is conducted</p> <p>1.3 Appropriate <i>personal protective equipment</i> is selected and fitted as directed and/or required by the operational environment</p>
2. Conduct security operations	<p>2.1 Specific activities are conducted in accordance with operational requirements and <i>standard procedures</i></p> <p>2.2 <i>Formations</i> are adhered to in accordance with operational requirements</p> <p>2.3 <i>Fieldcraft</i> is employed during operations in accordance with standard procedures</p> <p>2.4 <i>Security of the team</i> is <i>maintained</i> in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures</p> <p>2.5 <i>Drills and procedures</i> are conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures</p> <p>2.6 <i>Appropriate behaviours</i> are applied when in contact with the enemy or other personnel in the threat environment</p>
3. Finalise security operational activities	<p>3.1 <i>Post operation activities</i> are conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures</p> <p>3.2 <i>Post operation administration</i> is conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures</p>

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required Skills

- apply battlecraft aggressively
- apply cultural sensitivity
- apply navigation techniques
- apply recognised safety precautions
- apply operational safety
- assimilate orders
- handle weapons safely in an operational environment
- interpret fire control orders
- work in a team

Required Knowledge

- battlecraft
- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of equipment
- cultural awareness
- fire control orders
- navigation techniques
- recognised safety precautions
- OH&S requirements
- Orders for Open Fire
- team work

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Assessment must confirm the ability to work as part of a team by day and night in a simulated operational environment that replicates the extremes and stress of a threat environment.

Assessment must also confirm the ability to carry out duties during the following activities:

- patrol key point security
- vehicle check points
- cordon and search.

Assessment must confirm the ability to adhere to the following formations:

- single file
- open file
- staggered file
- arrowhead
- extended line
- one-up
- two-up
- column.

Assessment must confirm the ability to maintain security of the team by:

- searching ground
- observing arcs
- applying weapon readiness states
- ensuring protection is maintained
- maintaining formations
- use of ground
- maintaining communication between individuals and groups.

Assessment must confirm the ability to complete the following drills and procedures:

- contact drills
- counter ambush drills
- mine incident drills
- obstacle crossing drills
- harbour drills
- short and long halts.

EVIDENCE GUIDE

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated over time in a range of contexts that could be expected in the workplace.

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed in a simulated operational threat environment. The person should be exposed to the extremes of the operational environment under physical and mental stress. The context of assessment would usually be simulated due to the nature of this high-risk environment.

Specific resources for assessment

Access to a team; a simulated operational environment that replicates the extremes and stress of a threat environment; a rifle and ammunition; and a variety of equipment as listed in the Range Statement.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The Range Statement relates to the Unit of Competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. ***Bold italicised*** wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below.

A security operations team is	A grouping up to approximately 30 personnel (for infantry this would be a section or platoon)
Security operations may be conducted during	Conventional operations Military operations other than conventional warfare (MOOCW)
Security activities may include	Clearance Convoy protection Cordon Key point security Patrol Searching Vehicle check points
Battle procedures may include	Cleaning weapons Conducting rehearsals Receiving confirmatory orders Removing non-essential items Securing loose items Test firing weapons Testing or checking equipment, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobility platforms • ammunition • non-lethal weapons • load carrying equipment • day and night vision equipment • infra-red lights • rations • specialist equipment • communication equipment • vehicle check point equipment

RANGE STATEMENT

Personal protective equipment may include

Ballistic protection (e.g. flack jacket)
 Elbow and knee pads
 Eye protection
 Gloves
 Hearing protection
 Helmet
 Respirator
 Shields
 Shin guards

Standard procedures may include

Australian Standards
 Defence Instructions
 Doctrinal pamphlets
 Job guides, other publications
 Manufacturers' handbooks, industry specifications and technical instructions
 Occupational health and safety (OH&S) regulations
 Organisational policies and procedures
 Procedure manuals
 Reengagement procedures
 Relevant local government by-laws
 Relevant state/territory or federal legislation
 Routine Orders
 Standing Operating Procedures
 Standing Orders
 Written and verbal orders

Formations

Will be largely dependent on the task, the nature of the threat, terrain and on the need for control, and may include:

- single file open file
- staggered file
- arrowhead
- extended line
- box

RANGE STATEMENT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one-up • two-up • column
Fieldcraft is	<p>The use of natural and artificial cover to provide a measure of protection for the soldier on the battlefield and thereby permit movement and allow the effective employment of weapons. it will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual movement by day and night • use of ground use of cover and concealment • use of fire positions
Maintaining the security of the team may include	<p>Applying weapon readiness states</p> <p>Early warning</p> <p>Ensuring protection is maintained</p> <p>Maintaining communication between individuals and groups</p> <p>Maintaining formations</p> <p>Observing arcs</p> <p>Searching ground</p> <p>Sentry posts</p> <p>Use of ground</p>
Drills and procedures may include	<p>Contact drills</p> <p>Counter ambush drills</p> <p>Harbour drills</p> <p>Mine incident drills</p> <p>Obstacle crossing drills</p> <p>Quick response force</p> <p>Rendezvous and marry-up procedures</p> <p>Short and long halts</p>
Appropriate behaviours may include	<p>Appropriate detention or securing techniques</p> <p>Complying with Orders for Opening Fire</p> <p>Correct prisoners of war handling</p> <p>Effective body language</p> <p>Effective communication styles</p> <p>Having due consideration for the individual's gender,</p>

RANGE STATEMENT**Post operation activities
may include**

race culture and religion
 Confirming weapon state
 Hand-over evacuees
 Hand-over non combatants
 Hand-over prisoners of war
 Participating in debriefs
 Preparing for subsequent operations
 Psychological debrief

**Post operation
administration may include**

Assisting with resupply and redistribution
 Completing all documentation
 Equipment cleaning
 Maintenance of personal hygiene
 Returning specialist equipment
 Weapon cleaning

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Corequisite Unit/s

Co-requisite Unit/s Nil