



**Australian Government**

# **DEFCA404B Undertake reconnaissance tasks**

**Release: 2**

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### Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	DEF12 V2	Application added. Evidence Guide updated.
1	DEF12 V1	First release

### Unit Descriptor

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

Reconnaissance operations require soldiers to operate in small teams in close proximity to the enemy in order to gather information to inform their commanders.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. In a Defence context, this means that there is no civilian need to hold this unit in order to meet licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements.

### Application of the Unit

This competency was developed for combat arms personnel required to deploy in an operational environment, but is applicable to any individual in this field of work.

Typically operators work independently and as part of a team under direct and/or indirect supervision, use discretion and judgement, and take responsibility for the quality of their outputs. All activities are carried out in accordance with relevant organisational policies and procedures.

### Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

### Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

### Employability Skills Information

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 Range Statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENT

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

#### 1. Prepare for reconnaissance tasks

- 1.1 Reconnaissance orders are received and clarified where required.
- 1.2 Battle procedure is conducted.
- 1.3 Appropriate ***equipment*** is selected, checked for serviceability and fitted as directed and/or required by the operational environment.

#### 2. Conduct a reconnaissance patrol

- 2.1 ***Formations*** are adhered to in accordance with operational requirements.
- 2.2 ***Drills and procedures*** are conducted in accordance with operational requirements and ***standard procedures***.
- 2.3 Movement is completed to ensure that detection is minimised.
- 2.4 ***Reconnaissance patrol techniques*** are performed in accordance with standard procedures.
- 2.5 ***Reconnaissance tasks*** are completed in accordance with standard procedures.
- 2.6 Patrol debrief is conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures.

## Required Skills and Knowledge

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

### Required Skills

- apply battlecraft aggressively
- apply navigation techniques
- apply operational safety
- apply recognised safety precautions
- 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
- WHS requirements
- Orders for Opening Fire
- recognised safety precautions
- team work

## Evidence Guide

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

Assessment must confirm the ability to:

- receive and apply orders
- to prepare and use reconnaissance equipment
- apply fieldcraft and battlecraft

### Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated over time and across a range of simulated or actual workplace situations.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

#### Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed in a simulated operational threat environment.

#### Specific resources for assessment

Access to a team, weapons and ammunition and a variety of reconnaissance equipment as listed in the 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.

<p><b><i>Equipment</i></b> may include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• binoculars</li> <li>• camera</li> <li>• camouflage nets</li> <li>• communications equipment</li> <li>• marking devices</li> <li>• navigation equipment</li> <li>• recording devices</li> <li>• telescopes</li> <li>• video equipment</li> <li>• weapons</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Formations</i></b> must include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• box</li> <li>• diamond</li> <li>• single file</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Drills and procedures</i></b> must include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ambush procedure</li> <li>• break contact drill</li> <li>• counter ambush drills</li> <li>• harbour drills</li> <li>• laying-up place drill</li> <li>• marking procedures</li> <li>• mine incident drills</li> <li>• observation post drill</li> <li>• obstacle crossing drills</li> <li>• recording procedures (i.e. field sketching)</li> <li>• rendezvous and marry-up procedures</li> <li>• short and long halts</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Standard procedures</i></b> may include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Standards</li> <li>• defence instructions</li> <li>• doctrine pamphlets</li> <li>• job guides, other publications</li> <li>• manufacturers' handbooks, industry specifications and technical instructions</li> <li>• work health and safety (WHS) regulations</li> <li>• organisational policies and procedures</li> <li>• procedure manuals</li> <li>• reengagement procedures</li> <li>• relevant local government by-laws</li> <li>• relevant state/territory or federal legislation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• routine orders</li> <li>• standing operating procedures</li> <li>• standing orders</li> <li>• written and verbal orders</li> </ul>
<b><i>Reconnaissance patrol techniques</i></b> must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ground search, which may include the following formations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fan</li> <li>• box</li> <li>• ridge</li> </ul> </li> <li>• close reconnaissance, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• point target</li> <li>• right angle</li> <li>• natural traverse</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b><i>Reconnaissance tasks</i></b> must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acting as a guide</li> <li>• area observation</li> <li>• collecting demographic and infrastructure intelligence</li> <li>• collecting topographical information</li> <li>• forming up point marking</li> <li>• landing zone marking</li> <li>• locating enemy positions</li> <li>• point target observation</li> <li>• route marking</li> </ul>

## Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.