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Modification History

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2	DEF12 V2	Unit descriptor updated Application added Evidence Guide updated
1	DEF12 V1	Release

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to operate an anti-personnel weapon, including the M18A1 Claymore.

Operating an anti-personnel weapon involves the ability to safely handle, safely maintain, safely operate and safely arm the anti-personnel weapon.

Anti-personnel weapons are directional, command detonated, fragmentation devices.

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 operate an anti-personnel weapon in a deployed operational environment but is applicable to any individual in this field of work.

Typically, operators work as part of a team under direct supervision, usually under direct orders, 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
<p>1. Safely handle the anti-personnel weapon</p>	<p>1.1 Work health and safety (WHS) requirements and recognised safety precautions are applied throughout the operation.</p> <p>1.2 Anti-personnel weapon is handled and carried safely in accordance with <i>standard procedures</i>.</p> <p>1.3 Anti-personnel weapon is secured in accordance with standard procedures.</p>
<p>2. Safely maintain the anti-personnel weapon</p>	<p>2.1 Anti-personnel weapon and associated equipment are cleaned and serviced as required, in accordance with standard procedures.</p> <p>2.2 <i>Defects</i> are identified and rectified within limits of authority or reported to supervisor.</p> <p>2.3 Documentation is completed in accordance with standard procedures.</p>
<p>3. Safely operate and arm the anti-personnel weapon</p>	<p>3.1 <i>Weapon drills</i> are conducted in accordance with standard procedures.</p> <p>3.2 Aiming of the anti-personnel weapon is conducted in accordance with standard procedures.</p> <p>3.3 <i>Weapon equipment</i> is employed as required in accordance with standard procedures.</p> <p>3.4 Anti-personnel weapon is safely sighted and armed in accordance with standard procedures.</p> <p>3.5 Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief are complied with when using a anti-personnel weapon on a range, in accordance with standard procedures.</p>

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required Skills

- apply recognised safety precautions

Required Knowledge

- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the anti-personnel weapon and ammunition
- WHS requirements
- range safety
- safety precautions of the anti-personnel weapon

Evidence Guide

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

Assessment must confirm the ability to carry out all weapon drills as listed in the Range Statement on a live anti-personnel weapon.

Consistency in performance

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

While it is preferable for an anti-personnel weapon operator to fire a live weapon this is not always possible because of the cost and inherent high-risk associated with the firing. As a minimum the anti-personnel weapon operator must observe a live fire operation.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment using live ammunition on a live firing range.

Specific resources for assessment

Access to an anti-personnel weapon, ammunition and a live firing range.

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.

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| <i>Standard procedures</i> may include: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Standards • defence instructions • doctrine pamphlets • job guides, other publications • manufacturers' handbooks, industry specifications and technical instructions • WHS regulations • organisational policies and procedures • procedure manuals • relevant local government by-laws • relevant state/territory or federal legislation • routine orders • standing orders • standing operating procedures • written and verbal orders |
| <i>Defects</i> may include: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • corrosion • cracks • damaged sighting system • out of date or missing fully functional classification label |
| <i>Weapon drills</i> must include: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arming and dis-arming • base testing • deploy and retrieve • immediate action and failure to fire • safety precautions |
| <i>Weapon equipment</i> may include: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blast cap assembly (e.g. M57) • firing device (e.g. M4) • test set (e.g. M40) |

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.