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# **PUADEFCA420B Operate a light support weapon on operations**

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### Modification History

Not applicable.

### Unit Descriptor

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This unit covers the competency required to effectively conduct battle shooting on operations with a *light support weapon* in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

This unit of competency describes similar outcomes to PUADEFM102B Operate a light support weapon, except it requires a higher level of marksmanship and proficiency, and is only assessed in an *operational environment* for example as an infantry soldier.

The individual will be under supervision, usually as part of a team and will usually operate under direct Orders for Opening Fire and in accordance with the Rules of Engagement.

### 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. <b>Handle a light support weapon</b>	1.1 Light support weapon is safely handled and carried in accordance with <i>standard procedures</i> 1.2 <i>Ammunition</i> is identified, selected and safely handled in accordance with standard procedures 1.3 <i>Weapon drills</i> are conducted in accordance with standard procedures 1.4 <i>Fire positions</i> are adopted as required by environment and threat 1.5 Occupational health and safety (OH&S) requirements and recognised safety precautions are applied throughout the operation 1.6 Ammunition is secured and <i>maintained</i> in accordance with standard procedures
2. <b>Apply fire with a light support weapon</b>	2.1 <i>Weapon sighting systems</i> and <i>associated equipment</i> are employed as required by the operational environment and in accordance with standard procedures 2.2 Rules of Engagement and Orders for Opening Fire are complied with when firing a light support weapon on operations in accordance with operational requirements 2.3 Targets are identified and <i>engaged</i> as required by the operational environment and in accordance with standard procedures
3. <b>Maintain and stow a light support weapon</b>	3.1 Weapon and associated equipment are cleaned and serviced in all operational conditions 3.2 <i>Defects</i> are identified and rectified within limits of authority or reported to supervisor 3.3 Documentation is completed in accordance with standard procedures 3.4 Light support weapon is secured, in accordance with standard procedures

## Required Skills and Knowledge

### REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

#### Required Skills

- achieve the required effects of fire
- apply battlecraft aggressively
- apply fieldcraft skills
- apply recognised safety precautions
- 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 the light support weapon and ammunition
- fieldcraft
- fire control orders
- OH&S requirements
- recognised safety precautions
- team work
- weapon drills

## Evidence Guide

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### 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; to fire the weapon using, as a minimum, linked ball ammunition; to apply a variety of engagement techniques as described in the Range Statement; to work as part of a team; and to recognise limit of own authority.

The light support weapon operator must be able to achieve the standard of operation and marksmanship as stipulated in *Training the Battle Shot Stage 5; MLW 2-9-1 Training the Battle Shot*.

### Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated in a range of actual live firing contexts. The operational activity is to take place over time allowing the individual to be assessed in a number of realistic operational scenarios.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

#### Context of assessment

Competency must be assessed using live ammunition and should simulate an operational threat environment. The light support weapon operator should be exposed to the extremes of the operational environment where a person is under physical and mental stress. The context of assessment is simulated due to the nature of this high-risk environment.

Marksmanship will usually be demonstrated by firing on a range.

Assessment must be conducted in a simulated operational environment by day and night.

#### Specific resources for assessment

Access to a light support weapon, ammunition and an actual or simulated operational environment.

### Guidance information for assessment

Information that will assist or guide assessment will be written during Phase II of the Review of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package.

## 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.

#### **Light support weapon may include**

F89 Minimi

#### **Operational environment may include**

All seasons weather and terrain

Day

Extreme stress

Night

Primitive conditions

Under threat

#### **Standard procedures may include**

Australian Standards

Defence Instructions

Doctrine pamphlets

Job guides, other publications

Manufacturers' handbooks, industry specifications and technical instructions

OH&S regulations

Organisational policies and procedures

Procedure manuals

Relevant local government by-laws

Relevant state/territory or federal legislation

Routine Orders

Standing Operating Procedures

Standing Orders

Written and verbal orders

#### **Ammunition may include**

Ball

Blank

Drill

Linked or individual

Simmunition

**RANGE STATEMENT**

	Trace
<b>Weapon drills must include</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checking clearances</li> <li>Degrees of weapon readiness</li> <li>Immediate action and stoppage</li> <li>Safety precautions</li> <li>Stripping and assembling</li> </ul>
<b>Fire positions may include</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supported or unsupported</li> <li>With or without sling</li> <li>Tripod mounted</li> <li>Pintle mounted</li> <li>Prone</li> <li>Standing</li> <li>Kneeling</li> <li>Sitting</li> <li>Squatting</li> </ul>
<b>Ammunition maintenance may include</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaning belts</li> <li>Linking and de-linking belts</li> </ul>
<b>Weapon sighting systems may include</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic aiming devices</li> <li>Iron</li> <li>Night sights</li> <li>Optical</li> <li>Thermal/infra-red</li> </ul>
<b>Associated equipment may include</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blank firing barrel</li> <li>Complete Equipment Schedule (CES)</li> <li>Magazines</li> <li>Slings</li> </ul>
<b>Engagement of the target may include</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suppression</li> <li>Destruction</li> <li>Fix</li> <li>Neutralisation</li> </ul>



**RANGE STATEMENT****Defects may include**

Rates of fire  
Cracks  
Damaged firing pin  
Damaged sighting system  
Faulty trigger mechanism  
Incorrect serial numbers

**Unit Sector(s)**

Not applicable.

**Corequisite Unit/s**

**Co-requisite Unit/s** Nil