



Australian Government

CSCSAS035 Use firearms

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the CSC Correctional Services Training Package Release 5.0

Application

This unit describes the skills required to assess the need to use firearms, handle and discharge firearms and evaluate responses post-incident.

This unit applies to those working with offenders in prisons and secure custodial centres. With changes based on different organisation's needs, it can apply to specialist emergency units, escort services and specialist roles where this function is part of the work role.

An individual undertaking this unit works independently as part of a coordinated team. The role requires strong communication and decision making skills.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to discharge of firearms.

The application of this unit may require appropriate permits to be obtained to conduct firearms training in some states and territories.

Other licensing, legislative or certification requirements may apply to this unit and may vary across states and territories. Users are required to check with the relevant jurisdiction for current requirements before undertaking this unit.

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Safety and security

Unit Sector

Not applicable.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1 Assess the need to use firearms

- 1.1** Assess the need for the use of firearms against the degree and nature of risk to people, legislation, the organisation's use of force guidelines, and emergency response procedures
- 1.2** Anticipate risk, based on assessment of information available, observation of the hazards in the situation and likely consequences of events
- 1.3** Assess and select options for action on the basis of capacity to complete the actions and suitability of response to the degree of risk
- 1.4** Identify situations requiring assistance and request support
- 1.5** Select personal protective equipment according to the requirements of the situation and use it according to organisational procedures

2 Handle and discharge firearms

- 2.1** Select ammunition appropriate to firearm that complies with manufacturer specifications and legislation requirements
- 2.2** Check that grip, handling, and presentation of firearms comply with legislative requirements and ensure retention and continued control
- 2.3** Load and carry firearms in a secure and accessible manner that complies with legislative requirements and organisational procedures
- 2.4** Employ positioning that is consistent with assessment of intentions and risks
- 2.5** Make appropriate judgements about the decision to use the firearm according to use of force guidelines and legislative requirements
- 2.6** Discharge firearms according to legislation and organisational policy and procedures
- 2.7** Maintain consistency of accuracy in the discharge of firearms as defined by organisational standards and procedures

3 Evaluate response

- 3.1** Evaluate and review effectiveness of responses according to information, observation, and outcomes of events
- 3.2** Provide accurate and constructive observations of incidents in review and debriefing
- 3.3** Complete records and reports that comply with organisational procedures
- 3.4** Recognise and manage the effects of stress and trauma on self and of others affected

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the Correctional Services Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to CSCSAS017 Use firearms.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are found in VETNet -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=114e25cd-3a2c-4490-baae-47d68dcd2fde>