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# **DEFCA406B Operate a service pistol**

**Release: 2**

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### Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	DEF12 V2	Application added. Minor Range Statement change. Evidence Guide updated.
1	DEF1 2V1	First release

### Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to operate a service pistol.

Operating a service pistol involves the ability to safely handle, safely maintain, safely operate and safely fire the service pistol.

The service pistol operator will operate independently or as part of a group usually in self defence.

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 a service pistol in a deployed 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
<b>1. Safely handle a service pistol</b>	1.1 Work health and safety (WHS) requirements and recognised safety precautions are applied throughout the operation. 1.2 <i>Service pistol</i> is handled and carried safely in accordance with <i>standard procedures</i> . 1.3 <i>Ammunition</i> is identified and selected, and safely handled in accordance with standard procedures. 1.4 Service pistol is secured in accordance with standard procedures.
<b>2. Safely maintain a service pistol</b>	2.1 Service pistol is stripped and assembled in accordance with standard procedures. 2.2 Service pistol and associated equipment are cleaned and serviced as required. 2.3 Ammunition is cleaned, inspected, carried and secured in accordance with standard procedures. 2.4 <i>Defects</i> are identified and rectified within limits of authority or reported to supervisor. 2.5 Documentation is completed in accordance with standard procedures.
<b>3. Safely operate a service pistol</b>	3.1 Service pistol magazine is filled and emptied in accordance with standard procedures 3.2 <i>Weapon drills</i> are conducted in accordance with standard procedures. 3.3 <i>Marksmanship principles</i> are applied in accordance with standard procedures. 3.4 <i>Fire positions</i> are adopted as required by environment and threat. 3.5 <i>Weapon equipment</i> is employed as required in accordance with standard procedures.
<b>4. Safely fire a service pistol</b>	4.1 Service pistol is safely fired in accordance with standard procedures. 4.2 Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief are complied with when firing a service pistol on a range, in accordance with standard procedures. 4.3 Targets are identified and engaged in accordance with standard procedures.

## 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 recognised safety precautions

### Required Knowledge

- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the pistol and ammunition
- WHS requirements
- practice brief
- range safety brief
- recognised safety precautions
- weapon drills

## Evidence Guide

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

Assessment must confirm the ability to conduct all weapon drills as listed in the Range Statement and to recognise the limit of own authority.

### 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 using live ammunition usually on a live firing range.

### Specific resources for assessment

Access to a service pistol, 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.

<b><i>Service pistol</i></b> may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9MM Browning</li> <li>• H&amp;K</li> <li>• Service automatic pistol or revolver</li> </ul>
<b><i>Standard procedures</i></b> may include:	<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>• WHS regulations</li> <li>• organisational policies and procedures</li> <li>• procedure manuals</li> <li>• relevant local government by-laws</li> <li>• relevant state/territory or federal legislation</li> <li>• routine orders</li> <li>• standing orders</li> <li>• standing operating procedures</li> <li>• written and verbal orders</li> </ul>
<b><i>Ammunition</i></b> may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blank</li> <li>• ball</li> <li>• dummy</li> <li>• tracer</li> </ul>
<b><i>Defects</i></b> may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• burrs</li> <li>• bulging</li> <li>• corrosion</li> <li>• cracks</li> <li>• damaged sighting system</li> <li>• out of date or missing fully functional classification label</li> </ul>
<b><i>Weapon drills</i></b> must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safety precautions (e.g.: checking clearances)</li> <li>• degrees of weapon readiness</li> <li>• immediate action and stoppage</li> </ul>
<b><i>Marksmanship principles</i></b> may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• position and hold must be firm enough to support the weapon</li> <li>• weapon must point naturally at the target without undue physical effort</li> <li>• shot must be released and followed through without</li> </ul>

	disturbance to the firer's position <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• aiming must be correct</li></ul>
<i>Fire positions</i> may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• kneeling</li><li>• prone</li><li>• sitting</li><li>• squatting</li><li>• standing</li><li>• supported or unsupported</li></ul>
<i>Weapon equipment</i> may include:	Complete Equipment Schedule (CES)

## Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.