



**Australian Government**

# **DEFCA431 Undertake sniper tasks**

**Release: 1**

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### Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
1	DEF12 V2	First release. Replaces and is equivalent to DEFCA418B. Undertake sniper tasks. Completely revised. Changes throughout the unit to meet current language. Outcomes unchanged.

### Unit Descriptor

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

Sniper operations require soldiers to operate in close proximity to the enemy in order to hit targets with rifle fire and gather information to inform their commanders.

The sniper must be thoroughly familiar with characteristics and capabilities of the weapon and competent in the application of fire in an operational environment.

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 as a two man team during the conduct of sniper tasks in a deployed operational environment but is applicable to any individual in this field of work.

Typically, operators work as part of a two man 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

### ELEMENT

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a Unit of Competency.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

1. Prepare for sniper tasks	<p>1.1 Sniper orders are received and clarified where required.</p> <p>1.2 Battle procedure is conducted.</p> <p>1.3 Appropriate <b><i>equipment</i></b> is selected, checked for serviceability and fitted as directed and/or required by the operational environment.</p>
2. Conduct a sniper patrol	<p>2.1 Movement is completed to ensure that detection is avoided.</p> <p>2.2 Standard of operation and marksmanship as stipulated in the relevant doctrinal publication is achieved.</p> <p>2.3 <b><i>Sniper patrol techniques</i></b> are performed in accordance with <b><i>standard procedures</i></b>.</p> <p>2.4 <b><i>Drills and procedures</i></b> are conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures.</p> <p>2.5 <b><i>Sniper tasks</i></b> are completed in accordance with standard procedures.</p> <p>2.6 Patrol debrief is conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures.</p>

## **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 perform:

- sniper tasks as listed in the Range Statement
- drills and procedures as listed in the Range Statement
- sniper techniques as listed in the Range Statement

### **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 the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment. The context of assessment would usually be simulated due to the nature of this high risk environment.

#### **Specific resources for assessment**

Access to a team, weapons and ammunition and a variety of 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.

<b><i>Equipment</i></b> may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• binoculars</li> <li>• camera</li> <li>• camouflage nets</li> <li>• communications equipment</li> <li>• gillies suit</li> <li>• navigation equipment</li> <li>• recording devices</li> <li>• rifle</li> <li>• telescopes</li> <li>• yowie suit</li> </ul>
<b><i>Sniper patrol techniques</i></b> must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advanced firing positions which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tripod mounted</li> <li>• hawkins</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 'Hide' construction</li> <li>• marksmanship</li> <li>• observation and judging distance</li> <li>• stalking</li> <li>• tracking</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>• doctrinal 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> <li>• routine Orders</li> <li>• standing Operating Procedures</li> <li>• standing Orders</li> <li>• written and verbal orders</li> </ul>
<b><i>Drills and procedures</i></b> must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basic drill</li> <li>• contact drills</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• counter ambush drills</li><li>• harbour drills</li><li>• hide drills</li><li>• laying-up drills</li><li>• marry-up procedure</li><li>• mine incident drills</li><li>• observation drills</li><li>• obstacle crossing drills</li><li>• rendezvous procedures</li></ul>
<i>Sniper tasks</i> must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• area observation</li><li>• collecting demographic and infrastructure intelligence</li><li>• collecting topographical information</li><li>• locating enemy positions</li><li>• shooting</li></ul>

## Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.