



Australian Government

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	DEF12V2	Layout adjusted. No changes to content.
1	DEF12V1	Primary release.

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to perform static surveillance covertly on a subject.

Application of the Unit

This unit is applicable to workers within the intelligence environment. Application of this unit involves static surveillance on a subject using appropriate cover, distance and timing to minimise risk of exposure and to maintain subject control. The unit also requires personnel to identify and use a range of observation points, to use appropriate dress items and props during static surveillance, to develop and maintain plausible cover stories, and to conduct covert intelligence gathering.

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
1. Identify suitable covert observation points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.1 <i>Surveillance techniques</i> are applied to lessen the risk of compromise during reconnaissance of locations1.2 Static positions are strategically chosen to optimise coverage of the subject1.3 <i>Observation points</i> are selected to minimise the chance of exposure or compromise1.4 Alternative observations points are identified to accommodate a range of contingencies
2. Employ static surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Static surveillance techniques are employed to ensure operational security and safety2.2 Range of plausible <i>cover stories</i> appropriate to appearance and the surveillance environment is used to enhance effectiveness2.3 Appropriate techniques are used to communicate covertly2.4 Surveillance equipment is concealed or disguised to prevent exposure or compromise2.5 Situational awareness is displayed when entering/exiting static surveillance posts to minimise risks of compromise2.6 Operative safety is monitored and assessed in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
3. Gather intelligence and evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Surveillance techniques are employed to collect intelligence covertly during static surveillance3.2 Intelligence is gathered and maintained in accordance with organisational policies and procedures

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required Skills

- analyse situations to identify appropriate choice of surveillance equipment, cover story, props and observation posts or surveillance distance
- develop a range of plausible cover stories and dress, and behave appropriately in a covert surveillance operation
- perform a range of verbal and non-verbal communications and use appropriate body language
- use and adapt cover props

Required Knowledge

- anti-surveillance techniques
- counter surveillance techniques
- ethical practice and cultural issues relevant to surveillance operations
- foot surveillance systems
- functions, limitations and effectiveness of props
- role and function of other agencies that conduct surveillance
- security issues and classifications
- surveillance principles and techniques
- theory and practice of cover, distance and timing

Evidence Guide

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

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

Assessment must confirm the ability to:

- identify suitable covert observation points
- employ static surveillance
- gather intelligence

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated surveillance context.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed over time in a range of workplace or simulated surveillance situations.

Specific resources for assessment

Access is required to:

- image capturing and recording equipment
- communications or other equipment

Method of assessment

In a public safety environment assessment is usually conducted via direct observation in a training environment or in the workplace via subject matter supervision and/or mentoring, which is typically recorded in a competency workbook.

Assessment is completed using appropriately qualified assessors who select the most appropriate method of assessment.

Assessment may occur in an operational environment or in an industry-approved simulated work environment.

Forms of assessment that are typically used include:

- direct observation
- interviewing the candidate
- journals and workplace documentation
- third party reports from supervisors
- written or oral questions

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.

<p><i>Surveillance techniques</i> may include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach to and dealing with hazards • Awareness of unwanted attention (third party) • Buildings • Carrying out a manoeuvre • Covert • Doorways • Entering a building • Leaving a building • Line of sight (obscure in relation to the target) • Non-threatening position in relation to the subject • Parked vehicles • Pedestrians • Positions may include one or more locations that allow for control of the subject/s
<p><i>Observation points</i> may include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term observation posts from covert premises or other locations • Short-term observation points from vehicles or other locations • Short-term observation points while on foot
<p><i>Cover stories</i> need to be:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to undergo scrutiny • Appropriate to the environment • Plausible • Relevant • Vague (in order to prevent further interest)

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.