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PUADEFM102C Operate a light support weapon

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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This unit covers the competency required to operate a light support weapon.

Operating a light support weapon involves the ability to safely handle, safely maintain, safely operate, safely fire the light support weapon and obtain satisfactory engagement accuracy in accordance with organisational standards.

The light support weapon would usually be carried and fired from the shoulder.

Application of the Unit

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This unit of competency would typically apply to a member of the Australian Defence Force.

The individual will be under supervision, usually as part of a team and will normally operate under direct orders and in accordance with the Rules of Engagement.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills	This unit contains employability skills.
Pre-requisite Unit/s	Nil

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

1. Safely handle a light support weapon

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- 1.1 Occupational health and safety (OH&S) requirements and recognised safety precautions are applied throughout the operation
- 1.2 ***Light support weapon*** is handled and carried safely in accordance with ***standard procedures***
- 1.3 ***Ammunition*** is identified and selected, and safely handled in accordance with standard procedures
- 1.4 Light support weapon is secured in accordance with standard procedures

ELEMENT**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA****2. Safely maintain a light support weapon**

- 2.1 Light support weapon is stripped and assembled in accordance with standard procedures
- 2.2 Light support weapon and associated equipment are *cleaned and serviced* as required, in accordance with standard procedures
- 2.3 Ammunition is cleaned, inspected, carried and secured in accordance with standard procedures
- 2.4 *Defects* are identified and rectified within limits of authority or reported to supervisor
- 2.5 Documentation is completed in accordance with standard procedures

3. Safely operate a light support weapon

- 3.1 Light support weapon magazine is filled and emptied in accordance with standard procedures
- 3.2 *Weapon drills* are conducted in accordance with standard procedures
- 3.3 *Marksmanship principles* are applied in accordance with standard procedures
- 3.4 *Fire positions* are adopted as required by environment and threat
- 3.5 *Weapon equipment* is employed as required in accordance with standard procedures

4. Safely fire a light support weapon

- 4.1 Light support weapon is safely fired in accordance with standard procedures.
- 4.2 Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief are complied with when firing a light support weapon on a range, in accordance with standard procedures
- 4.3 Targets are identified and *engaged* 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

- adopt appropriate firing position
- aim the light support weapon
- apply immediate action and stoppage drills
- apply recognised safety precautions

Required Knowledge

- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the light support weapon and ammunition
- cycle of operation of the light support weapon
- degrees of weapon readiness
- OH&S requirements
- marksmanship principles
- range safety
- safety precautions of the service rifle
- types of targets

Evidence Guide

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:

- conduct all weapon drills as listed in the Range Statement
- fire the weapon from the shoulder using, as a minimum, ball ammunition
- act as part of a team
- recognise the limit of own authority.

Assessment must also confirm that operators meet the specified minimum requirements as laid down by the relevant Service Chief.

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated on a live firing range.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed using live ammunition usually on a live firing range.

Note: In Defence the assessment and training are conducted in accordance with the current weapons pamphlet. This would include 'dry' assessment to ensure that a safe environment is maintained.

Specific resources for assessment

Access is required to:

- light support weapon
- ammunition
- live firing range.

EVIDENCE GUIDE

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

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 GSMG Mag 58
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 Orders Standing Operating Procedures Written and verbal orders
Ammunition may include	Blank Ball Dummy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracer
Cleaning and servicing may include	Cleaning belts Linking and de linking belts
Defects may include	Broken cocking handle Burrs Bulging Corrosion

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	Cracks
	Damaged firing pin
	Damaged sighting system
	Faulty trigger mechanism
	Incorrect serial numbers
	Out of date or missing fully functional classification label
Weapon drills may include	Degrees of weapon readiness
	Immediate action and stoppage
	Safety precautions (e.g. checking clearances)
Marksmanship principles may include	Aiming must be correct
	Position and hold must be firm enough to support the weapon
	Shot must be released and followed through without disturbance to the firers position
	Weapon must point naturally at the target without undue physical effort
Fire positions may include	Kneeling
	Prone
	Sitting
	Squatting
	Standing
	Supported or unsupported
Weapon equipment may include	Complete equipment schedule (CES), such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • blank firing barrel • magazines • slings • Weapon sighting systems; such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electronic aiming devices • iron • night sights • optical • thermal/infra red
Engaging a target means	Correct target is identified and engaged by fire

RANGE STATEMENT

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Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.