PUADEFIN004A Conduct tactical questioning on operations

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

Unit Descriptor	This unit covers the competency required to conduct tactical questioning within an operational environment. It also covers searching the detainee prior to questioning.

Application of the Unit

Application of the Unit	Conducting tactical questioning will identify detainees suitable for further questioning/interrogation. The process will be conducted as part of a team which will usually include guards. The tactical questioner will not necessarily be an intelligence specialist.
	The person being searched and questioned will be detained; the process of handling detainees is not covered by this unit.
	Tactical questioning is used in an operational environment to gain information that immediately impacts on the operation. A typical situation would be during the conduct of military operations overseas.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills	This unit contains employability skills.
Pre-requisite Unit/s	PSPGOV419A Work with interpreters

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	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. **Prepare for tactical questioning**	1.1 ***Information requirements*** are identified to target questioning
	1.2 Items belonging to the ***detainee*** are examined to establish lines of questioning
	1.3 Questions are prepared in accordance with organisational requirements
	1.4 Support is sought for language and cultural issues
	1.5 ***Secure site*** is selected and prepared in accordance with ***standard procedures***
	1.6 Team members are briefed on their ***roles*** during the search and questioning in accordance with standard procedures
2. **Conduct search of detainee**	2.1 Detainee is ***prepared*** and escorted to search and questioning site in accordance with standard procedures
	2.2 Detainee is searched in accordance with standard procedures

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
3. **Conduct tactical questioning**	3.1 *Appropriate atmosphere* is created and maintained throughout the activity
	3.2 Questions are asked of the detainee using appropriate *questioning technique* in accordance with standard procedures
	3.3 Line of questioning is developed based on responses
	3.4 Questioning technique is adjusted based on responses
	3.5 *Legal requirements* are identified and applied during the activity
	3.6 Occupational health and safety (OH&S) requirements and safety precautions are applied throughout the activity
4. **Finalise tactical questioning**	4.1 Responses are recorded and *documentation* is completed in accordance with standard procedures
	4.2 Detainee is *classified* in accordance with standard procedures
	4.3 Information gained during search and questioning is provided to *appropriate stakeholders* in a timely manner

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required Skills

- conduct briefings and debriefings
- interview detainees
- listen effectively
- operate monitoring and recording equipment
- plan effectively
- take notes
- undertake written and oral questioning
- write reports

Required Knowledge

- categories of detainees
- character and/or personality types
- cultural differences and awareness
- cultural understanding within area of operations
- human behavioural patterns
- interrogation methods and techniques
- legal aspects of interrogation
- levels of cooperation of detainees
- principles of searching
- prisoner of war handling
- role of interpreters
- searching techniques and procedures
- sequence of orders
- shock of capture
- types and purpose of orders

Evidence Guide

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Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit	Assessment must confirm the ability to conduct tactical questioning through the use of an interpreter and to correctly compile the appropriate documentation as indicated in the Range Statement.
	Consistency in performance
	Competency should be demonstrated over time and should be observed in a range of actual or simulated work contexts.
Context of and specific resources for assessment	**Context of assessment**
	Competency must be assessed in a simulated environment.
	Specific resources for assessment
	Access is required to:
	• appropriate simulated questioning site
	• interpreters
	• questioner
	• people to role playdetainee, guards
	• supervisors
Guidance information for assessment	Preferred method of assessment of a candidate would include participation in a role play based on a simulated workplace scenario.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

Information requirements may include details about the adversary including	Capability
	Command structure
	Communications
	Dispositions
	Intentions
	Strengths
	Weapons
Detainee may include	Criminal suspect
	Displaced person
	Prisoner of war
	Security suspect
Secure site may include	Building
	Field environment
	Search site
	Temporary location
	Tactical questioning point
	Vehicle
Standard procedures may include	Australian Quality Training Framework
	Australian Standards
	Defence instructions
	Doctrine pamphlets
	Industry practices
	Job guides and other publications
	Maintenance schedules
	Manufacturers' specifications, procedures and technical instructions
	OH&S requirements and regulations
	Organisational instructions and journals
	Organisational policies and procedures
	Quality control

RANGE STATEMENT

	Regulatory requirements
	Relevant local government by-laws
	Routine orders
	Security instructions and procedures
	Standard Operating Procedures
	Standing orders
	Workplace agreements
	Written and verbal orders
Roles may include	Contingency actions
	Guards
	Interpreters
	Searchers
	Tactical questioner
Preparing the detainee may include	Assessment of intelligence value
	Assessment of level of cooperation
	Assessment of likelihood of ability to satisfy intelligence requirement
	Blindfolding
	Handcuffing or restraining
	Searching of detainee
	Searching of equipment
	Screening of detainee
	Willingness of detainee to respond to questions
Appropriate atmosphere may include	Isolation
	Security
	Segregation
	Shock of capture
	Silence
	Strictness
Questioning technique may include	Lines of questioning
	Question types

RANGE STATEMENT

Legal requirements may include	Geneva conventions and protocols
	International laws
	Laws of Armed Conflict
	National laws
	Rules of Engagement
	State/territory laws
Documentation may include	Capture report
	Detainee capture record
	Detainee file
	Intelligence report
	Interrogation report
	Personalised equipment tag
	Preliminary technical report
	Tactical questioning and search report
	Translation report
Classifying the detainee may include	Authority
	Emotion
	Evidence of knowledge
	Gender
	Intelligence value
	Natural leaders
	Rank
Appropriate stakeholders may include	Guard commander
	Medical officer
	Police
	Psychology officer
	Shift commander
	Unit commander

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Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Corequisite Unit/s

Co-requisite Unit/s   Nil