



Australian Government

DEFMIL003 Operate a service rifle

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Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit was released in DEF Defence Training Package release 1.0 and meets the Standards for Training Packages. This unit supersedes and is equivalent to DEFCM101C Operate a service rifle. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice • PC 1.1 and 1.4 removed • PC 4.1 and 4.2 merged

Application

This unit covers the competency required to operate any current in service rifle. Operating a service rifle involves the ability to safely handle, maintain, operate and fire the service rifle.

This unit applies to those working as a member of the Australian Defence Force.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to.

Those undertaking this unit would work under direct supervision, in accordance with the Rules of Engagement. They would perform specific tasks, in a broad range of contexts, focussing on applying safety requirements.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Military Skills

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate

essential outcomes	achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions section.
1. Handle a service rifle	1.1 Handle and carry service rifle. 1.2 Identify, select and handle ammunition.
2. Maintain a service rifle	2.1 Strip and assemble service rifle. 2.2 Clean and service rifle and associated equipment as required. 2.3 Clean, inspect, carry and secure ammunition. 2.4 Identify and rectify defects within limits of authority or report to supervisor. 2.5 Complete documentation.
3. Operate a service rifle	3.1 Fill and empty service rifle magazine. 3.2 Conduct weapon drills. 3.3 Apply marksmanship principles. 3.4 Adopt fire positions as required by environment and threat. 3.5 Employ weapon equipment.
4. Fire a service rifle	4.1 Fire service rifle complying with Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief. 4.2 Identify and engage targets.

Foundation Skills

The foundation skills demands of this unit have been mapped for alignment with the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). The following tables outline the performance levels indicated for successful attainment of the unit.

ACSF levels indicative of performance:

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Learning N/A					Reading					Writing					Oral communication					Numeracy N/A				

Performance variables

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Support					Context					Text complexity					Task complexity				

Further information on ACSF and the foundation skills underpinning this unit can be found in the Foundation Skills Guide on the GSA website.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit supersedes and is equivalent to DEFCM101C Operate a service rifle.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for DEFMIL003 Operate a service rifle

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1	These Assessment Requirements were released in DEF Defence Training Package release 1.0 and meet the Standards for Training Packages. Assessment Requirements created drawing upon specified assessment information from superseded unit

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the candidate must demonstrate evidence of performance of the following on at least one occasion.

- operating the weapon without any safety breaches
- adopting appropriate firing position
- aiming the service rifle
- applying immediate action and stoppage drills
- applying recognised safety precautions
- conducting weapon drills
- firing the weapon using, as a minimum, ball ammunition
- recognising the limit of own authority
- passing weapons training test
- firing the weapon qualification practice

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the depth of knowledge demonstrated must be appropriate to the job context of the candidate.

- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the rifle and ammunition
- cycle of operation of the service rifle
- degrees of weapon readiness
- WHS requirements
- marksmanship principles
- range safety

- safety precautions of the service rifle
- types of targets

Assessment Conditions

Competency should be assessed using live ammunition on a live firing range, with access to equipment and infrastructure appropriate to the outcome. Competency should be demonstrated over time to ensure the candidate is assessed across a variety of situations in accordance with the current weapons pamphlet. This would include 'dry' assessment to ensure that a safe environment is maintained.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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