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DEFMIL004 Operate a light support weapon

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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 DEFCM102C Operate a light support weapon. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice • PC 1.1 and 4.2 removed

Application

This unit describes the skills required to operate a light support weapon. This includes handling, maintaining, operating and firing the light support weapon and obtaining satisfactory engagement accuracy. The light support weapon would usually be carried and fired from the shoulder.

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 that could be unpredictable, 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 essential outcomes	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions section.
1. Handle a light support weapon	1.1 Handle and carry light support weapon. 1.2 Identify, select and handle ammunition. 1.3 Secure light support weapon.
2. Maintain a light support weapon	2.1 Strip and assemble light support weapon. 2.2 Clean light support weapon and associated equipment. 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 light support weapon	3.1 Fill and empty light support weapon magazine. 3.2 Conduct weapon drills. 3.3 Apply marksmanship principles. 3.4 Adopt fire positions according to environment and threat. 3.5 Employ weapon equipment.
4. Fire a light support weapon	4.1 Fire light support weapon. 4.2 Identify and engage targets. 4.3 Comply with safety brief and/or practice brief when firing the weapon.

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	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 DEFCM102C Operate a light support weapon.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for DEFMIL004 Operate a light support weapon

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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.

- adopting appropriate firing position
- aiming the light support weapon
- 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 the weapon training test
- passing the 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 light support weapon and ammunition
- cycle of operation of the light support weapon
- degrees of weapon readiness
- WHS requirements
- marksmanship principles
- range safety

- safety precautions of the light support weapon
- 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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