



Australian Government

DEFMIL120 Operate a direct fire 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 DEFCA413B Operate a direct fire support weapon. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with the new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice • PC 1.1 removed • PC 1.2 and 1.4, and 4.1 and 4.3 merged

Application

This unit describes the skills required to operate a direct fire support weapon, including any in service 66 mm or 84 mm direct fire support weapon. Operating a direct fire support weapon involves the ability to handle, maintain, operate and fire the direct fire support weapon. The weapon is designed to be carried by a person.

This unit applies to those working as combat arms personnel required to operate direct fire support weapons.

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 supervision, usually as part of a team and will operate under direct orders. They would use discretion and judgement, and take responsibility for the quality of their outputs while performing specific tasks in a range of contexts.

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 direct fire support weapon	1.1 Identify, select and safely handle ammunition. 1.2 Secure, handle and carry direct fire support weapon.
2. Maintain a direct fire support weapon	2.1 Strip and assemble direct fire support weapon. 2.2 Clean and service direct fire 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 them to supervisor. 2.5 Complete documentation.
3. Operate a direct fire support weapon	3.1 Conduct weapon drills. 3.2 Apply marksmanship principles. 3.3 Adopt fire positions as required by environment and threat. 3.4 Employ weapon equipment.
4. Fire a direct fire support weapon	4.1 Identify and engage target to fire direct fire support weapon. 4.2 Comply with Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief when firing a direct fire support weapon on a range.

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 NA					Reading					Writing					Oral communication					Numeracy NA				

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

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Links

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Assessment Requirements for DEFMIL120 Operate a direct fire 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 direct fire support weapon
- applying immediate action and stoppage drills
- applying recognised safety precautions
- conducting weapon drills
- firing the weapon
- recognising the limit of own authority

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 direct fire support weapon and ammunition
- degrees of weapon readiness
- WHS requirements
- marksmanship principles
- range safety
- safety precautions of the direct fire support weapon
- types of targets

Assessment Conditions

Competency should be assessed in an actual workplace or in a simulated environment, 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.

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

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