



Australian Government

DEFMIL126 Operate a light support weapon on operations

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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 DEFCA420B Operate a light support weapon on operations. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with the new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice • PC 1.5 and 2.2 removed • PC 1.2 and 1.6 merged

Application

This unit describes the skills required to effectively conduct battle shooting on operations with a light support weapon, which may include the F89 Minimi. The individual will usually operate under Orders for Opening Fire and in accordance with the Rules of Engagement.

This unit applies to those working as combat arms personnel required to operate a light support weapon on operations in a deployed operational environment.

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 usually 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 broad range of unpredictable 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 light support weapon	1.1 Handle and carry light support weapon. 1.2 Identify, select, handle, secure and maintain ammunition. 1.3 Conduct weapon drills. 1.4 Adopt fire positions as required by environment and threat.
2. Apply fire with a light support weapon	2.1 Employ weapon sighting systems and associated equipment. 2.2 Identify and engage targets as required by the operational environment.
3. Maintain and stow a light support weapon	3.1 Clean and service weapon and associated equipment in all operational conditions. 3.2 Identify and rectify defects within limits of authority or reported to supervisor. 3.3 Complete documentation. 3.4 Secure light support 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 NA					Reading NA					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 DEFMIL126 Operate a light support weapon on operations

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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.

- achieving the required effects of fire
- applying battle craft
- applying fieldcraft skills
- applying recognised safety precautions
- interpreting fire control orders
- carrying out weapon drills including:
 - checking clearances
 - degrees of weapon readiness
 - immediate action and stoppage
 - safety precautions
 - stripping and assembling
- firing the weapon using, as a minimum, linked ball ammunition
- applying a variety of engagement techniques including at least one of:
 - suppression
 - destruction
 - fix
 - neutralisation
 - rates of fire

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.

- battle craft
- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the light support weapon and ammunition
- fieldcraft
- fire control orders
- recognised safety precautions
- weapon drills

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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