



Australian Government

DEFMIL132 Undertake defensive actions

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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 DEFCA429 Undertake defensive actions. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with the new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice

Application

This unit describes the skills required to operate as a team member during the conduct of defensive actions in the Australian Defence Force. For the purpose of this unit of competency, a team is defined as a group of up to approximately 30 personnel (for infantry this would be a section or platoon).

This unit was developed for those working in Defence as combat arms personnel required to deploy in an operational environment, but is applicable to any individual in this field of work.

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 independently and as part of a team under direct and/or indirect supervision. They would use discretion and judgement, and take responsibility for the quality of their outputs. They would perform specific tasks in a broad range of unpredictable contexts.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this 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. Prepare for defensive actions	1.1 Interpret defensive action orders and clarify where required. 1.2 Conduct battle procedure. 1.3 Select and fit personal and task specific equipment.
2. Conduct defensive actions	2.1 Occupy defensive position. 2.2 Construct defences. 2.3 Conduct defensive routine. 2.4 Conduct drills and routines. 2.5 Withdraw from the defensive position.
3. Finalise defensive action activities	3.1 Conduct post operation activities. 3.2 Conduct post action administration.

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 DEFMIL132 Undertake defensive actions

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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.

- applying battle craft
- applying navigation techniques
- applying operational safety
- constructing defences such as:
 - shell scrapes
 - weapon pits
 - obstacles
 - fire lanes
 - weapon stakes
- adhering to all defensive routines as detailed below:
 - applying weapon readiness states
 - camouflage maintenance
 - clearing patrols
 - maintaining communications between individual/groups
 - maintaining hygiene plan
 - maintaining obstacles
 - monitoring surveillance devices
 - observing arcs
 - range cards
 - rehearsals
 - searching ground

- stand to/down
- standing patrols
- track discipline
- using the ground

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 equipment
- fire control orders
- orders for open fire

Assessment Conditions

Competency should be assessed in a simulated operational threat environment. The person should be exposed to the extremes of the operational environment under physical and mental stress. The context of assessment would usually be simulated due to the nature of this high risk environment. Competency should be demonstrated over time and in a range of contexts that could be expected in the workplace.

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

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