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DEFSEA004 Defend persons using firearms

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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 DEFBM004C Defend persons using firearms. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice • PC 1.1 and 1.2 merged and PC 5.1 and 5.2 merged • All PC in element 2 revised • PC added to element 3 • PC 4.4 removed • PC 4.3 revised

Application

This unit describes the skills and evaluates the requirements to deploy firearms effectively to protect persons in an operational situation, minimising risk to self and others. This includes justifying judgements about use of firearms.

This unit was written for a Naval Defence environment but is applicable to any individual in this field of work. Tasks are carried out on a ship in a range of conditions that would typically apply to a lengthy operation, while minimising or eliminating environmental stresses and hazards, risk to personnel, vessel and the environment, and preserving individual safety.

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 generally perform routine tasks as part of a team and under indirect supervision. They would need to be prepared for a wide of range of contexts that could be unfamiliar and highly unpredictable.

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

Competency Field

Maritime Operations

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. Perform pre-operational checks	1.1 Perform firearm checks by drawing, inspecting and proofing weapon. 1.2 Issue ammunition. 1.3 Receive and acknowledge an operational brief.
2. Assess the need to use firearms	2.1 Evaluate use of firearm against Use of force guidelines, legal requirements and organisational policy and procedures. 2.2 Determine person's intentions by assessing risk factors and opportunities. 2.3 Consider capacity to complete action prior to commencement and assess viability of alternative actions.
3. Use firearms	3.1 Identify situations requiring assistance and request support. 3.2 Secure, protect and provide access to firearm carriage. 3.3 Maintain tactical positioning consistent with the assessment of person's intentions and anticipated range of possible actions. 3.4 Maintain weapons. 3.5 Justify judgements on the use of firearms. 3.6 Select ammunition. 3.7 Select protective equipment. 3.8 Discharge firearm only to stop the progress of life-threatening situations.
4. Contain incident	4.1 Adjust or discontinue response with changing circumstances. 4.2 Confirm resolution and isolation of threat by constantly monitoring person's positions and behaviour. 4.3 Detain persons. 4.4 Monitor and provide adequate aftercare to persons injured by firearms discharge.
5. Evaluate response	5.1 Review and evaluate effectiveness of response by providing observations of the incident. 5.2 Maintain system, records and reporting procedures. 5.3 Recognise effects of stress on self and use stress management techniques to diffuse.

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					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 DEFBM004C Defend persons using firearms.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for DEFSEA004 Defend persons using firearms

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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 basic problem solving strategies
- applying legislative and/or legal provisions, including provisions governing the use of force, reactive force, misuse of force, proactive force and the duty of care under criminal, civil and international law
- applying observation and surveillance techniques
- communicating and negotiating under stressful situations using a variety of verbal and non-verbal communication techniques
- following and interpreting instructions to facilitate solutions within operating parameters and handling and firing weapons accurately
- minimising threat to self and others by use of appropriate force applying use of force principles
- managing own stress and aggression under duress
- selecting response options within specified legal and strategic requirements
- assessing the situation and readjusting or discontinuing the response as determined by unexpected changes in circumstances

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.

- legislative and/or legal provisions, including provisions governing the use of force, reactive force, misuse of force, proactive force and the duty of care under criminal, civil and international law
- organisational policy and procedures relating to the use of firearms, incident management and effecting arrest

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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