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DEFCA402B Undertake defensive operations

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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This unit covers the competency required to operate as a **team** member during the conduct of defensive operations in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Application of the Unit

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The application of this unit in the workplace - the environments, complexities and situations involved - will be written during Phase II of the Review of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package.

This text will be useful for the purposes of job descriptions, recruitment advice or job analysis; where possible, it will not be too job specific to allow other industries to import it into other Training Packages, where feasible.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite Unit/s

Nil

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a Unit of Competency.

Performance Criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the Required Skills and Knowledge and/or the Range Statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

1. **Prepare for defensive operations**

1.1 ***Defensive operation*** orders are received and clarified where required

1.2 ***Battle procedure*** is conducted

2. **Conduct defensive operations**

2.1 Defensive position is occupied as ordered

2.2 ***Defences*** are constructed as ordered in accordance with ***standard procedures***

2.3 ***Defensive routine*** is conducted as ordered in accordance with standard procedures

2.4 ***Drills and routines*** are conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures

2.5 Withdrawal from the defensive position is conducted as ordered

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required Skills

- apply battlecraft aggressively
- apply navigation techniques
- apply operational safety
- apply recognised safety precautions
- assimilate orders
- handle weapons safely in an operational environment
- interpret fire control orders
- work in a team

Required Knowledge

- battlecraft
- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of equipment
- cultural awareness
- fire control orders
- navigation techniques
- OH&S requirements
- orders for open fire
- recognised safety precautions
- team work

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Assessment must confirm the ability to work as part of a team by day and night in a simulated operational environment that replicates the extremes and stress of a threat environment.

Assessment must also confirm the ability to construct the following defences:

- shell scrapes
- weapon pits
- obstacles
- fire lanes
- weapon stakes.

Assessment must also confirm the ability to adhere to all defensive routines as detailed in the Range Statement.

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated over time and in a range of contexts that could be expected in the workplace.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

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.

Specific resources for assessment

Access to a team; a simulated operational environment that replicates the extremes and stress of a threat environment; a rifle and ammunition; and a variety of equipment as listed in the Range Statement.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The Range Statement relates to the Unit of Competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. ***Bold italicised*** wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below.

A defensive operations team is	A grouping up to approximately 30 personnel (for infantry this would be a section or platoon)
Defensive operations	Are conducted during conventional operations and could include: • area defence • delaying defence • mobile defence • withdrawal
Battle procedures may include	Cleaning weapons Conducting rehearsals Receiving confirmatory orders Removing non-essential items Test firing weapons Testing or checking equipment, which may include: • ammunition • load carrying equipment • personal protective equipment • day and night vision equipment • infra-red lights • rations • task specific equipment • specialist equipment early warning devices • communication equipment
Defences may include	Bunkers Early warning Fire lanes Hardening of facilities Illumination plan Obstacles Reinforcement of buildings

RANGE STATEMENT**Standard procedures may include**

Shell scrapes
 Weapon pits
 Weapon stakes
 Australian Standards
 Defence Instructions
 Doctrinal pamphlets
 Job guides, other publications
 Manufacturers' handbooks, industry specifications and technical instructions
 Occupational health and safety (OH&S) regulations
 Organisational policies and procedures
 Procedure manuals
 Reengagement procedures
 Relevant local government by-laws
 Relevant state/territory or federal legislation
 Routine Orders
 Standing Operating Procedures
 Standing Orders
 Written and verbal orders

Defensive routine must include

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

RANGE STATEMENT**Drills and routines may include**

Track discipline
Using the ground
Counter attack procedure
Counter penetration drill
Marry-up procedures
Relief in place
Withdrawal

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Corequisite Unit/s

Co-requisite Unit/s	Nil
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