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DEFCM006B Operate a 22 gauge rifle

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	DEF12V2	Layout adjusted. No changes to content.
1	DEF12V1	Primary release.

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to operate a single bolt action 22 calibre long rifle on a legal range.

Operating a 22 gauge rifle involves the ability to safely handle, safely maintain, safely operate and safely fire the 22 gauge rifle.

The operator must be familiar with the characteristics and capabilities of the rifle. This Unit of Competency only assesses fire in the prone position. There is no level of marksmanship defined for this Unit of Competency.

The rifle operator will be under supervision and will always operate under direct orders.

Application of the Unit

As agreed in the creation of this Training Package, applications for units transferred from the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package will be developed as part of continuous improvement plans, and taking into account the change in Unit of Competency format as detailed in templates for Streamlined Training Packages.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

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. Safely handle a 22 gauge rifle	1.1 Occupational health and safety/Work health and safety (OH&SWHS) requirements and recognised safety precautions are applied throughout the operation. 1.2 22 gauge rifle is handled and carried safely in accordance with standard procedures. 1.3 Ammunition is identified and selected, and safely handled in accordance with standard procedures. 1.4 22 gauge rifle is secured in accordance with standard procedures.
2. Safely maintain a 22 gauge rifle	2.1 22 gauge rifle is stripped and assembled in accordance with standard procedures. 2.2 22 gauge rifle and associated equipment are cleaned and serviced as required, in accordance with standard procedures. 2.3 Defects are identified and rectified within limits of authority or reported to supervisor. 2.4 Documentation is completed in accordance with standard procedures.
3. Safely operate the 22 gauge rifle	3.1 Weapon drills are conducted in accordance with standard procedures. 3.2 Marksmanship principles are applied in accordance with standard procedures. 3.3 Weapon equipment is employed as required in accordance with standard procedures.
4. Safely fire a 22 gauge rifle	4.1 22 gauge rifle is safely fired in accordance with standard procedures. 4.2 Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief are complied with when firing a 22 gauge rifle on a range, in accordance with standard procedures. 4.3 Problems are recognised and actions are taken in accordance with standard procedures and when appropriate, are reported to the range safety officer. 4.4 Targets are identified and engaged in accordance with standard procedures.

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required Skills

- apply recognised safety precautions
- handle firearms safely
- interpret fire control orders
- work in a team

Required Knowledge

- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the rifle and ammunition
- degrees of weapon readiness
- WHS requirements
- marksmanship principles
- range safety
- safety precautions of the 22 gauge rifle
- types of targets

Evidence Guide

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

Assessment must confirm the ability to conduct all firearm drills as listed in the Range Statement; and to recognise the limit of own authority.

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated on a live firing range.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed using live ammunition on a live firing range.

Note: In Defence the assessment and training are conducted in accordance with the current weapons pamphlet. This would include 'dry' assessment to ensure that a safe environment is maintained.

Specific resources for assessment

Access to a 22 gauge rifle, ammunition and a live firing range.

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.

<i>Standard procedures</i> may include:	• Australian Standards • Defence Instructions • doctrine pamphlets • job guides, other publications • manufacturers' handbooks, industry specifications and technical instructions • WHS regulations • organisational policies and procedures • procedure manuals • relevant local government by-laws • relevant state/territory or federal legislation • Routine Orders • Standing Orders • Standing Operating Procedures • written and verbal orders
<i>Ammunition</i> may include:	• ball • drill
<i>Defects</i> may include:	• broken cocking handle • burrs • bulging • corrosion • cracks • damaged firing pin • damaged sighting system • faulty trigger mechanism • incorrect serial numbers • out of date or missing fully functional classification label
<i>Weapon drills</i> must include:	• degrees of weapon readiness • immediate action and stoppage • safety precautions (e.g. checking clearances)
<i>Marksmanship principles</i> may include:	• aiming must be correct • position and hold must be firm enough to support the weapon • shot must be released and followed through without disturbance to the firers position • weapon must point naturally at the target without

	undue physical effort
<i>Weapon equipment</i> may include:	• Complete Equipment Schedule (CES), such as: • cleaning kit • magazines • slings • weapon sighting systems
<i>Problems</i> may include:	• stoppages • unauthorised movement on range
<i>Engaging a target means</i>	• the correct target is identified and engaged by fire

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Corequisite Unit/s

Not applicable.