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DEFCM101C Operate a service rifle

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	DEF12V2	Minor change in Range Statement and Unit Descriptor.
1	DEF12V1	Primary release.

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to operate a service rifle., including any current in service rifle.

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

This Unit of Competency describes similar outcomes to DEFCA419B Operate a service rifle on operations, except it requires a lower level of marksmanship and proficiency consistent with minimum requirements of all service rifle users.

Application of the Unit

This unit was developed for military personnel.

The individual will be under supervision and will normally operate under direct orders and in accordance with the Rules of Engagement.

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 service rifle	1.1 Work health and safety (WHS) requirements and recognised safety precautions are applied throughout the operation. 1.2 Service 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 Service rifle is secured in accordance with standard procedures.
2. Safely maintain a service rifle	2.1 Service rifle is stripped and assembled in accordance with standard procedures. 2.2 Service rifle and associated equipment are cleaned and serviced as required, in accordance with standard procedures. 2.3 Ammunition is cleaned, inspected, carried and secured in accordance with standard procedures. 2.4 Defects are identified and rectified within limits of authority or reported to supervisor. 2.5 Documentation is completed in accordance with standard procedures.
3. Safely operate a service rifle	3.1 Service rifle magazine is filled and emptied in accordance with standard procedures. 3.2 Weapon drills are conducted in accordance with standard procedures. 3.3 Marksmanship principles are applied in accordance with standard procedures. 3.4 Fire positions are adopted as required by environment and threat. 3.5 Weapon equipment is employed as required in accordance with standard procedures.
4. Safely fire a service rifle	4.1 Service rifle is safely fired in accordance with standard procedures. 4.2 Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief are complied with when firing a service rifle on a range, in accordance with standard procedures. 4.3 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

- adopt appropriate firing position
- aim the service rifle
- apply immediate action and stoppage drills
- apply recognised safety precautions

Required Knowledge

- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the rifle and ammunition
- cycle of operation of the service rifle
- degrees of weapon readiness
- whs requirements
- marksmanship principles
- range safety
- safety precautions of the service rifle
- types of targets

Evidence Guide

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

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

Assessment must confirm the ability to:

- conduct all weapon drills as listed in the Range Statement
- fire the weapon using, as a minimum, ball ammunition
- act as part of a team
- recognise the limit of own authority

Assessment must also confirm that operators meet the specified minimum requirements as laid down by the relevant Service Chief.

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 is required to:

- service rifle
- ammunition
- 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.

Standard procedures 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

Ammunition may include:

- blank
- ball
- dummy
- tracer

Defects 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

Weapon drills may include:

- degrees of weapon readiness
- immediate action and stoppage
- safety precautions (e.g. checking clearances)

Marksmanship principles may include:

- position and hold must be firm enough to support the weapon
- weapon must point naturally at the target without undue physical effort

Fire positions may include:

- shot must be released and followed through without disturbance to the firers position
- aiming must be correct
- kneeling
- prone
- sitting
- squatting
- standing
- supported or unsupported

Weapon equipment may include:

- Complete Equipment Schedule (CES), such as:
 - bayonet
 - blank firing attachment
 - magazines
 - slings
- Weapon sighting systems; such as:
 - electronic aiming devices
 - night sights
 - optical
 - thermal/infra-red

Engaging a target means

- Correct target is identified and engaged by fire

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.