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DEFCM102C Operate a light support weapon

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
2	DEF12V2	Minor change in Application
1	DEF12V1	Primary release.

Unit Descriptor

This unit covers the competency required to operate a light support weapon.

Operating a light support weapon involves the ability to safely handle, safely maintain, safely operate, safely fire the light support weapon and obtain satisfactory engagement accuracy in accordance with organisational standards.

The light support weapon would usually be carried and fired from the shoulder.

Application of the Unit

This unit of competency would typically apply to a member of the Australian Defence Force. 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 light support weapon	1.1 Work health and safety (WHS) requirements and recognised safety precautions are applied throughout the operation. 1.2 Light support weapon 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 Light support weapon is secured in accordance with standard procedures.
2. Safely maintain a light support weapon	2.1 Light support weapon is stripped and assembled in accordance with standard procedures. 2.2 Light support weapon 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 light support weapon	3.1 Light support weapon 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 light support weapon	4.1 Light support weapon is safely fired in accordance with standard procedures.. 4.2 Range Safety Brief and Practice Brief are complied with when firing a light support weapon 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 light support weapon
- apply immediate action and stoppage drills
- apply recognised safety precautions

Required Knowledge

- characteristics, technical capabilities, effects, employment and limitations of the light support weapon and ammunition
- cycle of operation of the light support weapon
- 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 from the shoulder 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 usually 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:

- light support weapon
- 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.

<i>Light support weapon</i> may include:	• F89 Minimi • GSMG Mag 58
<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:	• blank • ball • dummy • tracer
<i>Cleaning and servicing</i> may include:	• cleaning belts • linking and de linking belts
<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> may include:	• degrees of weapon readiness • immediate action and stoppage

	• safety precautions (e.g. checking clearances)
Marksmanship principles 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
Fire positions may include:	• kneeling • prone • sitting • squatting • standing • supported or unsupported
Weapon equipment may include:	• complete equipment schedule (CES), such as: • blank firing barrel • magazines • slings • weapon sighting systems; such as: • electronic aiming devices • iron • night sights • optical • thermal/infrared
Engaging a target means:	• correct target is identified and engaged by fire

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.