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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 conduct tactical questioning within an operational environment. It also covers searching the detainee prior to questioning.

Application of the Unit

Conducting tactical questioning will identify detainees suitable for further questioning/interrogation. The process will be conducted as part of a team which will usually include guards. The tactical questioner will not necessarily be an intelligence specialist. The person being searched and questioned will be detained; the process of handling detainees is not covered by this unit.

Tactical questioning is used in an operational environment to gain information that immediately impacts on the operation. A typical situation would be during the conduct of military operations overseas.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

PSPGOV419A Work with interpreters

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 Range Statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Prepare for tactical questioning	1.1 Information requirements are identified to target questioning 1.2 Items belonging to the detainee are examined to establish lines of questioning 1.3 Questions are prepared in accordance with organisational requirements 1.4 Support is sought for language and cultural issues 1.5 Secure site is selected and prepared in accordance with standard procedures 1.6 Team members are briefed on their roles during the search and questioning in accordance with standard procedures
2. Conduct search of detainee	2.1 Detainee is prepared and escorted to search and questioning site in accordance with standard procedures 2.2 Detainee is searched in accordance with standard procedures
3. Conduct tactical questioning	3.1 Appropriate atmosphere is created and maintained throughout the activity 3.2 Questions are asked of the detainee using appropriate questioning technique in accordance with standard procedures 3.3 Line of questioning is developed based on responses 3.4 Questioning technique is adjusted based on responses 3.5 Legal requirements are identified and applied during the activity 3.6 Work health and safety (WHS) requirements and safety precautions are applied throughout the activity
4. Finalise tactical questioning	4.1 Responses are recorded and documentation is completed in accordance with standard procedures 4.2 Detainee is classified in accordance with standard procedures 4.3 Information gained during search and questioning is provided to appropriate stakeholders in a timely manner

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required Skills

- conduct briefings and debriefings
- interview detainees
- listen effectively
- operate monitoring and recording equipment
- plan effectively
- take notes
- undertake written and oral questioning
- write reports

Required Knowledge

- categories of detainees
- character and/or personality types
- cultural differences and awareness
- cultural understanding within area of operations
- human behavioural patterns
- interrogation methods and techniques
- legal aspects of interrogation
- levels of cooperation of detainees
- principles of searching
- prisoner of war handling
- role of interpreters
- searching techniques and procedures
- sequence of orders
- shock of capture
- types and purpose of orders

Evidence Guide

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

Assessment must confirm the ability to conduct tactical questioning through the use of an interpreter and to correctly compile the appropriate documentation as indicated in the Range Statement.

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated over time and should be observed in a range of actual or simulated work contexts.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency must be assessed in a simulated environment.

Specific resources for assessment

Access is required to:

- appropriate simulated questioning site
- interpreters
- questioner
- people to role play detainee, guards
- supervisors

Guidance information for assessment

Preferred method of assessment of a candidate would include participation in a role play based on a simulated workplace scenario.

Range Statement

Information requirements may include:	• Capability • Command structure • Communications • Dispositions • Intentions • Strengths • Weapons
Detainee may include:	• Criminal suspect • Displaced person • Prisoner of war • Security suspect
Secure site may include:	• Building • Field environment • Search site • Temporary location • Tactical questioning point • Vehicle
Standard procedures may include:	• Australian Quality Training Framework • Australian Standards • Defence instructions • Doctrine pamphlets • Industry practices • Job guides and other publications • Maintenance schedules • Manufacturers' specifications, procedures and technical instructions • WHS requirements and regulations • Organisational instructions and journals • Organisational policies and procedures • Quality control • Regulatory requirements • Relevant local government by-laws • Routine orders • Security instructions and procedures • Standard Operating Procedures • Standing orders • Workplace agreements • Written and verbal orders
Roles may include:	• Contingency actions • Guards

	• Interpreters • Searchers • Tactical questioner
Preparing the detainee may include:	• Assessment of intelligence value • Assessment of level of cooperation • Assessment of likelihood of ability to satisfy intelligence requirement • Blindfolding • Handcuffing or restraining • Searching of detainee • Searching of equipment • Screening of detainee • Willingness of detainee to respond to questions
Appropriate atmosphere may include:	• Isolation • Security • Segregation • Shock of capture • Silence • Strictness
Questioning technique may include:	• Lines of questioning • Question types
Legal requirements may include:	• Geneva conventions and protocols • International laws • Laws of Armed Conflict • National laws • Rules of Engagement • State/territory laws
Documentation may include:	• Capture report • Detainee capture record • Detainee file • Intelligence report • Interrogation report • Personalised equipment tag • Preliminary technical report • Tactical questioning and search report • Translation report
Classifying the detainee may include:	• Authority • Emotion • Evidence of knowledge • Gender • Intelligence value

	• Natural leaders • Rank
<i>Appropriate stakeholders</i> may include:	• Guard commander • Medical officer • Police • Psychology officer • Shift commander • Unit commander

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.