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PUADEFCA404B Undertake reconnaissance tasks

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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 **reconnaissance tasks** in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Reconnaissance operations require soldiers to operate in small teams in close proximity to the enemy in order to gather information to inform their commanders.

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 reconnaissance tasks

- 1.1 Reconnaissance orders are received and clarified where required
- 1.2 Battle procedure is conducted
- 1.3 Appropriate **equipment** is selected, checked for serviceability and fitted as directed and/or required by the operational environment

2. Conduct a reconnaissance patrol

- 2.1 **Formations** are adhered to in accordance with operational requirements
- 2.2 **Drills and procedures** are conducted in accordance with operational requirements and **standard procedures**
- 2.3 Movement is completed to ensure that detection is minimised
- 2.4 **Reconnaissance patrol techniques** are performed in accordance with standard procedures
- 2.5 Reconnaissance tasks are completed in accordance with standard procedures
- 2.6 Patrol debrief is conducted in accordance with operational requirements and standard procedures

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 Opening Fire
- recognised safety precautions
- team work

Evidence Guide

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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 confirm the ability to complete all:

- formations as listed in the Range Statement
- reconnaissance tasks as listed in the Range Statement
- drills and procedures as listed in the Range Statement
- reconnaissance patrol techniques as listed in the Range Statement.

Assessment must also confirm the ability to use the following equipment:

- binoculars
- cameras
- marking devices
- recording devices.

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated over time 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; weapons and ammunition; and a variety of equipment as listed in the Range Statement.

Guidance information for assessment

Information that will assist or guide assessment will be written during Phase II of the Review of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package.

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 reconnaissance team is	A grouping of up to approximately five personnel
Reconnaissance tasks must include	Acting as a guide Area observation Collecting demographic and infrastructure intelligence Collecting topographical information Forming up point marking Landing zone marking Locating enemy positions Point target observation Route marking
Equipment may include	Binoculars Camera Camouflage nets Communications equipment Marking devices Navigation equipment Recording devices Telescopes Video equipment Weapons
Formations	Will be largely dependent on the task, the nature of the threat, terrain and on the need for control, and must include: • single file • box • diamond
Drills and procedures must include	Ambush procedure Break contact drill

RANGE STATEMENT**Standard procedures may include**

Counter ambush drills
 Harbour drills
 Laying-up place drill
 Marking procedures
 Mine incident drills
 Observation post drill
 Obstacle crossing drills
 Recording procedures (i.e. field sketching)
 Rendezvous and marry-up procedures
 Short and long halts
 Australian Standards
 Defence Instructions
 Doctrine 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

Reconnaissance patrol techniques must include

Ground search, which may include the following formations:

- fan
- box
- ridge

Close reconnaissance, which may include:

- point target

RANGE STATEMENT

- right angle
- natural traverse

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Corequisite Unit/s

Co-requisite Unit/s Nil