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PUADEFEO718C Maintain cartridge operated fire extinguisher systems

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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This unit covers the competency required to maintain cartridge operated fire extinguishers which contain explosive ordnance.

Application of the Unit

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This competency normally applies to the individual who is required to conduct maintenance on cartridge operated fire extinguishers which contain explosive ordnance.

It includes the attachment of safety devices to the fire extinguishers while they are being maintained and the testing of the explosive ordnance cartridge in the fire extinguisher.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Pre-requisite 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 the maintenance of fire extinguishers

- 1.1 Requirement for ***cartridge operated fire extinguishers*** maintenance is identified from work requests/instructions and is confirmed
- 1.2 Occupational health and safety (OH&S) requirements, including those contained in organisational procedures, are applied throughout the operation
- 1.3 ***Technical references***, tools and equipment required for the maintenance are identified, acquired and prepared in accordance with organisational procedures
- 1.4 Safety devices appropriate to the fire extinguisher are installed prior to and on completion of, any maintenance in accordance with organisational procedures

ELEMENT**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA****2. Maintain fire extinguishers**

- 2.1 Fire extinguishers are inspected in accordance with organisational policy and procedures
- 2.2 **Relevant maintenance** is conducted in accordance with organisational procedures, technical specifications and drawings
- 2.3 Emergency and contingency procedures are applied in accordance with organisational policy
- 2.4 Relevant **tests** are conducted and recorded in accordance with organisational procedures, technical specifications and drawings

3. Finalise the maintenance operation

- 3.1 Fire extinguishers are processed in accordance with the requirements specified in the work request
- 3.2 Equipment/tools are maintained in accordance with organisational policy and procedures
- 3.3 Housekeeping procedures are conducted in accordance with workshop requirements
- 3.4 **Documentation and records** are maintained in accordance with statutory, **organisation** and workshop requirements

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 environmental constraints
- apply operational safety
- apply relevant OH&S requirements
- communicate orally and in writing
- conduct tests
- identify and select appropriate tools and equipment
- identify appropriate cartridge operated fire extinguishers
- maintain documentation
- use tools and equipment

Required Knowledge

- colour coding, marking and labels
- documentation requirements
- effects of environmental conditions
- maintenance procedures
- operational safety
- operations, characteristics and limitations of cartridge operated fire extinguishers to be maintained
- operations, characteristics and limitations of tools and equipment used in maintenance
- relevant OH&S requirements
- testing procedures

Evidence Guide

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 comply with:

- organisational safety requirements
- appropriate legislative and regulatory requirements while maintaining fire extinguishers.

Assessment must also confirm the ability to:

- work safely within an explosive ordnance environment
- calculate and apply net explosive quantity
- assess and apply compatibility
- conduct relevant tests
- maintain documentation.

Consistency in performance

Competency should be demonstrated in a range of actual or simulated explosive ordnance contexts.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Context of assessment

Competency should be assessed in the workplace or in a simulated workplace environment, in accordance with all relevant legislation and organisational requirements.

Specific resources for assessment

Access is required to:

- facilities and resources used in the storage, distribution or maintenance of explosive ordnance, including a licensed explosive site.

EVIDENCE GUIDE

Method of assessment

This unit may be assessed with the following unit:

- PUADEFEO101D Work safely with explosive ordnance.

In a public safety environment assessment is usually conducted via direct observation in a training environment or in the workplace via subject matter supervision and/or mentoring, which is typically recorded in a competency workbook.

Assessment is completed using appropriately qualified assessors who select the most appropriate method of assessment.

Assessment may occur in an operational environment or in an industry-approved simulated work environment.

Forms of assessment that are typically used include:

- direct observation
- interviewing the candidate
- journals and workplace documentation
- third party reports from supervisors
- written or oral questions.

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.

Cartridge operated fire extinguishers may include	All items currently on the Australian Defence Force in-service Cartridge operated fire extinguisher inventory Cartridge operated fire extinguishers in aircraft and armoured vehicles
Technical references may include	Orders and instructions Technical drawings Technical reference pamphlets Other publications
Relevant maintenance may include	Arming and de-arming Cartridge fitment Cleaning Components change out Painting
Tests may include	Continuity tests Gauging Measuring
Processing may include	Forwarding components for disposal, storage or testing and may include some additional preparation such as packaging
Documentation and records may include	Receipt and issue records Timesheets Work records
Organisation may include	Defence organisation Enterprises that work with explosive ordnance Other government departments or instrumentalities that work with explosive ordnance

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.