

Operate and maintain small arms and team weapons

Overview

This standard is for individuals working in public service. It is designed to ensure that individuals who operate and maintain small arms and team weapons do so safely and correctly in line with the appropriate procedures.

This standard is applicable only to serving personnel in the Armed Forces, Police and any other public servant licensed to use firearms as part of their duties.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. follow organisational procedures at all times
2. maintain your own personal safety and the safety of others at all times
3. prepare weapons and ancillaries in accordance with organisational procedures
4. use weapons and ancillaries in accordance with marksmanship principles and organisational procedures
5. maintain the operational effectiveness of the weapon and ancillaries post use
6. store the weapon, ancillaries and ammunition in accordance with organisational procedures

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. organisational procedures for operating and maintaining small arms and team weapons
2. legal requirements relating to the use of weapons and ammunition
3. the purpose and characteristics of the weapon
4. the safety measures associated with the use of weapons
5. how to deal with misfires and malfunctions
6. weapons and ammunition storage requirements
7. organisational procedures for defective equipment
8. how to maintain weapons and ancillaries
9. how to fit and use ancillaries

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**Scope/range related
to performance
criteria**

Different conditions which affect how you apply your knowledge, and in which you must demonstrate competence are:

- 1 Firing:
 - 1.1 live
 - 1.2 blank and drill

- 2 Stoppages:
 - 2.1 reloading
 - 2.2 misfires

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