

**SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY  
REGISTERED UNIT STANDARD:**

**Demonstrate knowledge of the Firearms Control Act 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000) applicable to possessing a firearm**

SAQA US ID	UNIT STANDARD TITLE		
117705	Demonstrate knowledge of the Firearms Control Act 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000) applicable to possessing a firearm		
SGB NAME	NSB	PROVIDER NAME	
SGB Visible Policing	NSB 08-Law, Military Science and Security		
FIELD		SUBFIELD	
Law, Military Science and Security		Safety in Society	
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Undefined	Regular	Level 3	3
REGISTRATION STATUS	REGISTRATION START DATE	REGISTRATION END DATE	SAQA DECISION NUMBER
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**PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD**

This unit standard is for persons who need to demonstrate knowledge of the Firearms Control Act 2000 (Act No 60 of 2000), herein after the Act that is applicable to legally possess a firearm. Persons credited with this unit standard are able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the statutory duties and obligations of firearm ownership as contained in the Act;
- Demonstrate understanding of the statutory prescriptions applicable to the possession, handling, carrying, storage and use of firearms as prescribed by the Act; and
- Demonstrate understanding of the statutory prescriptions applicable to the possession and storage of ammunition as prescribed by the Act.

**LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING**

No prior learning is assumed to be in place.

**UNIT STANDARD RANGE**

- In this unit standard, "Act" refers to the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000), as amended, as well as related Regulations. The sections of the Act and Regulations relevant to possessing a firearm are listed under Notes.
- Learners assessed against this unit standard should have access to the Act, its amendments and Regulations.

**UNIT STANDARD OUTCOME HEADER**

N/A

**Specific Outcomes and Assessment Criteria:**

**SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1**

Demonstrate understanding of the statutory duties and obligations applicable to the firearm ownership as contained in the Act.

## **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1**

The term "presumptions relating to failure to report" as detailed in Section 118 of the Act is explained in terms of its implication for the firearm owner.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2**

The term "presumption of failure to take reasonable steps" as detailed in Section 119 of the Act is explained in terms of its implication for the firearm owner.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3**

The term "presumptions relating to" the possession of firearms and ammunition as detailed in section 117 of the Act is explained in terms of its implication for the firearm owner.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4**

The term "offences" is explained as detailed in Section 120 of the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5**

The general circumstances under which the registrar may declare a person unfit to possess a firearm are explained as outlined in Section 102 of the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6**

The general circumstances under which the court may declare a person unfit to possess a firearm are explained as outlined in Section 103 of the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7**

The effect of a declaration of a person as unfit to possess a firearm is explained in terms of Section 104 of the Act.

## **SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2**

Demonstrate understanding of the statutory prescriptions applicable to the possession, handling, carrying, storage and use of firearms as prescribed by the Act.

## **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1**

The statutory prescriptions applicable to the possession of firearms and firearm parts are explained as prescribed by the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2**

The statutory prescriptions applicable to the use and handling of firearms are explained as prescribed by the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3**

The statutory prescriptions applicable to the carrying of firearms are explained as prescribed by the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4**

The statutory prescriptions applicable to the storage of firearms are explained as prescribed by the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5**

The statutory prescriptions applicable to the disposal of firearms and firearm parts are explained as prescribed by the Act.

### **SPECIFIC OUTCOME 3**

Demonstrate understanding of the statutory prescriptions applicable to the possession and storage of ammunition as prescribed by the Act.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

#### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1**

The statutory prescriptions applicable to the possession of ammunition are explained as prescribed by the Act.

#### **ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2**

The statutory prescriptions applicable to the storage of ammunition are explained as prescribed by the Act.

### **UNIT STANDARD ACCREDITATION AND MODERATION OPTIONS**

- Anyone assessing a learner or moderating the assessment of a learner against this unit standard must be registered as an assessor with the relevant ETQA/and any other body with whom a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into.
- Any institution offering learning that will enable achievement of this unit standard must be accredited as a provider through the relevant ETQA or any other body with whom a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into.
- The relevant ETQA or any other body with whom a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into will oversee assessment and moderation of assessment according to the moderation guidelines in the relevant competency of the relevant ETQA or any other body with whom a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into.
- Any training provider offering learning that will enable achievement of this unit standard must also be accredited with the South African Police Service.

### **UNIT STANDARD ESSENTIAL EMBEDDED KNOWLEDGE**

The relevant sections of the Act as amended and all relevant regulations to the Act. (see Notes)

### **UNIT STANDARD DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOME**

N/A

### **UNIT STANDARD LINKAGES**

N/A

## **Critical Cross-field Outcomes (CCFO):**

### **UNIT STANDARD CCFO COLLECTING**

Collect, analyse, organize and critically evaluate information when demonstrating knowledge of the Act.

### **UNIT STANDARD CCFO COMMUNICATING**

Communicating with others when explaining the legislative prescripts of the Act.

## **UNIT STANDARD ASSESSOR CRITERIA**

N/A

## **UNIT STANDARD NOTES**

The following sections of the Firearms Control Act, 2000 (Act No. 60 of 2000), as amended, are applicable to the possession of firearms:

### **CHAPTER 01 - INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS:**

- Section 01: Definitions
- Section 02: Purpose of the Act.

### **CHAPTER 02 - PROHIBITIONS:**

- Section 03: General prohibitions in respect of firearms
- Section 04: Prohibited firearms

### **CHAPTER 03 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN DEVICES:**

- Section 05: Devices not firearms for the purposes of

### **CHAPTER 05 - COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES:**

- Section 09: Application for competency certificate

### **CHAPTER 06 - LICENCE TO POSSESS FIREARM :**

- Section 13: Licence to possess firearm for self-defence
- Section 22: Holder of licence may allow another person to use firearm
- Section 24: Renewal of firearm licences
- Section 25: Notification of change of address
- Section 26: Notification of change of circumstances
- Section 27: Period of validity of licence or permit
- Section 29: Defaced, lost or stolen licences, permits and authorisations

### **CHAPTER 09 - STORAGE, TRANSPORT AND CARRYING OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION:**

- Section 84: Carrying of firearm in public place

### **CHAPTER 10 - CONTROL OF AMMUNITION AND FIREARM PARTS:**

- Section 90: Prohibition of possession of ammunition
- Section 91: Restriction on possession of ammunition
- Section 93: Loading or reloading of ammunition
- Section 94: Prohibition of possession of firearm parts

### **CHAPTER 12 - DECLARATION OF PERSONS AS UNFIT TO POSSESS FIREARM:**

- Section 102: Declaration by Registrar of person as unfit to possess firearm
- Section 103: Declaration by court of person to be unfit to possess firearm
- Section 104: Effect of declaration

### **CHAPTER 13 - INSPECTIONS:**

- Section 106: Production of licences and firearms for inspection
- Section 107: Duty to comply with request of police official or authorised person
- Section 108: Request for information

### **CHAPTER 14 - SEARCH AND SEIZURE:**

- Section 113: Body prints and bodily samples
- Section 114: Ballistic testing
- Section 115: Inspection, search and seizure for inquiry or investigation (with special warrant)

### **CHAPTER 15 - PRESUMPTIONS:**

- Section 117: Presumptions of possessions of firearm or ammunition
- Section 118: Presumptions relating to failure to report

- Section 119: Presumption of failure to take reasonable steps

CHAPTER 16 - OFFENCES, PENALTIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FINES:

- Section 120: Offences (as amended: Act No. 43, 2003)

CHAPTER 18 - RIGHT OF APPEAL:

- Section 133: Right of appeal

CHAPTER 21 - GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- Section 148: Inherited firearms

The following regulations of the Firearms Control Regulations 2004 are applicable to the possession of firearms:

CHAPTER 01 - INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS:

- Regulation 01: Definitions

CHAPTER 08 - CONTROL OF AMMUNITION AND FIREARM PARTS:

- Regulation 74: Application for authorisation to possess more than 2400 primers and to possess more than 200 cartridges

CHAPTER 10 - SAFE CUSTODY OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION:

- Regulation 86: Safes and safe custody

CHAPTER 11:

- Regulation 91: Appeal procedure

CHAPTER 12 - GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- Regulation 94: Surrendering of firearms and ammunition
- Regulation 99: Deferment of licences, permit authorisation in case of theft or loss of firearm
- Regulation 100: Change of address
- Regulation 107: Change of circumstances

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