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

Handle and use a handgun

SAQA US ID	UNIT STANDARD TITLE		
119649	Handle and use a handgun		
SGB NAME	NSB	REGISTERING PROVIDER	
SGB Security	NSB 08-Law, Military Science and Security		
FIELD		SUBFIELD	
Law, Military Science and Security		Safety in Society	
ABET BAND	UNIT STANDARD TYPE	NOF LEVEL	CREDITS
Undefined	Regular	Level 3	2
REGISTRATION STATUS	REGISTRATION START DATE	REGISTRATION END DATE	SAQA DECISION NUMBER
Registered	2005-10-12	2008-10-12	SAQA 0762/05

PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD

This unit standard is for anyone who privately uses a handgun and or who requires a Competency Certificate in terms of relevant legislation.

Persons credited with this unit standard are capable of:

- Handling a handgun.
- Using a handgun.
- Carrying out basic inspection and maintenance of a handgun for safe use.

LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

It is assumed that learners are already competent in terms of the following unit standard:

- 117705: Demonstrate knowledge of the Firearms Control Act (Act No. 60 of 2000) applicable to possessing a firearm.
- Communication NQF Level 2.

UNIT STANDARD RANGE

For the purposes of this unit standard, the learner may be assessed on either a revolver or a pistol or both.

UNIT STANDARD OUTCOME HEADER

N/A

Specific Outcomes and Assessment Criteria:

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1

Handle a handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

The handgun is handled without threat of injury or harm to people whether accidental or intentional.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

The term harm includes damage to property.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

A safe muzzle direction is defined and maintained at all times with due consideration for safety of persons and property.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

The finger is held off the trigger until ready to fire.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

The handgun is treated as if loaded at all times.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

Loading and unloading is carried out in a safe manner appropriate to the mechanisms of the handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

The handgun is controlled, carried and transported without threat of injury or harm to people whether accidental or intentional in accordance with the requirements of relevant legislation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

The term control includes safe storage.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2

Use a handgun.

OUTCOME RANGE

- "Use" includes pointing without firing, firing and handling malfunctions.
- Malfunctions include failure to fire, failure to feed and failure to extract.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

Descriptions are provided of common law related to private defence and necessity of use.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Fundamentals of handgun handling are demonstrated appropriate to handguns.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Fundamentals of handgun handling refer to but is not limited to stance, grip and aiming.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Scenarios in which a handgun may and may not be used are described in terms of relevant legislation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

Prior to firing the handgun, the target is identified as well as what is behind the target and where bullet will come to rest.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

Ammunition used is appropriate to handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

Target is hit accurately with control of bullet impact and accountability for every shot.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

- "Accurately" means a minimum of 10 hits out of 10 from 7m on an A3 target, no time limit. The distance may be increased, but may not be decreased. Target size may not be altered.
- The term accountability refers to the accuracy of the shots fired.
- The term hit refers to initial bullet impact.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7

Malfunctions are correctly identified in terms of possible cause and corrective action.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Includes identifying those corrective actions that can be handled by self, and those that need to be referred to a gunsmith.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 8

In the event of malfunctions, the handgun is restored to safe and effective functioning.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 9

Handgun must be fired unsupported.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Unsupported means without dead resting the handgun but allows firing with two hands.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 3

Carry out basic inspection and maintenance of a handgun for safe use.

OUTCOME RANGE

Basic maintenance is limited to cleaning and lubricating without the use of tools but could include a cleaning kit. Basic inspection includes that barrel is clear and dry.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

Inspection identifies firearm conditions that could impact on the safe functioning of the handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

The handgun is cleaned and or cleared so as to ensure it is free of obstruction and in a condition to be fired safely.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Where inspection reveals handgun conditions that require more than basic maintenance, appropriate action is taken.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Appropriate action could include consultation with or referral to a recognised expert and or gunsmith.

UNIT STANDARD ACCREDITATION AND MODERATION OPTIONS

An individual wishing to be assessed (including through RPL) against this Unit Standard may apply to an assessment agency, assessor or provider institution accredited by the relevant ETQA, or an ETQA that has a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant ETQA.

Anyone assessing a learner against this Unit Standard must be registered as an assessor with the relevant ETQA or with an ETQA that has a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant ETQA.

Any institution offering learning that will enable achievement of this Unit Standard or assessing this Unit Standard must be accredited as a provider with the relevant ETQA or with an ETQA that has a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant ETQA.

Moderation of assessment will be conducted by the relevant ETQA at its discretion.

UNIT STANDARD ESSENTIAL EMBEDDED KNOWLEDGE

The following areas of knowledge are embedded within the unit standard:

- Basic functioning of a firearm.
- Main parts of a firearm and their functions.
- Use of safety equipment and range rules where applicable.

UNIT STANDARD DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOME

N/A

UNIT STANDARD LINKAGES

N/A

Critical Cross-field Outcomes (CCFO):

UNIT STANDARD CCFO IDENTIFYING

Identify and solve problems: related to conditions for using the firearm and dealing with malfunctions and obstructions.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO ORGANIZING

Organise and manage oneself and one's activities responsibly and effectively: the handling and use of a firearm requires self-organisation and management.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO SCIENCE

Use science and technology effectively and critically: related to the use of firearms as a technology.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO DEMONSTRATING

Understand the world as a set of inter-related parts of a system: related to providing descriptions of common law in respect of private use and necessity of use.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO CONTRIBUTING

Contribute to the full development of oneself.

UNIT STANDARD ASSESSOR CRITERIA

N/A

UNIT STANDARD NOTES

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