

SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY



CORE UNIT STANDARDS IN NATIONAL CERTIFICATE: USE OF FIREARMS NQF LEVEL 4.

UNIT STANDARD REFERENCE NUMBER: 10757

TITLE: Use of firearms in tactical duty related situations.

LEVEL: 5

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FIELD: Law, Military Science and Security

SUBFIELD: Safety in Society

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PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD:

This unit standard is for relevant officers to competently use firearms in tactical duty related situations and to ensure effective protection of people and assets

Benefit for society of this unit standard is that the person who completes this will contribute to safety in society.

A person credited with this unit standard will be able to:

- Prepare relevant personnel, firearms and equipment required for use in a specific duty/job related environment.

- Apply knowledge and understanding of the tactical operational procedures & techniques specific to the use of relevant firearms required for duty/job related environments.
- Conduct post operational de-briefings with relevant personnel with regards to lethal and/or potentially lethal confrontations/incidents.

LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE:

The following knowledge, skills, attitude and / or equivalent:

- A knowledge, comprehension and application of language and mathematical skills at NQF 4
- Understand the relevant legislation required for the lawful possession and use of relevant firearms
- Handle relevant firearms safely
- Operate, use and maintain relevant firearms
- Shoot relevant firearms competently
- Competent in the relevant job related skill(s), i.e. response officer, close protection of persons, specialist units in official institutions, etc.

RANGE STATEMENTS:

This unit standard applies to personnel competently using relevant firearms in tactical duty related situations.

SPECIFIC OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1:

- Prepare relevant personnel, firearms and equipment required for use in a specific duty/job related environment.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- 1.1 Relevant firearms, ammunition & equipment are serviceable & operationally practical (functional) to carry out specific duty/job related tasks.

- 1.2 Relevant personnel are fit & proper for commencement of duties.
- 1.3 Information / briefing before commencement of duties confirms operational tactical requirements & preparedness.
- 1.4 Correct completion & possession of relevant documents / permits confirms operational efficiency.
- 1.5 Current work procedures / standard operational procedures are available, understood, & acknowledged.

Range: *Relevant firearms must include:*

- *Handgun*
- *Hand machine carbine*
- *Rifle*
- *Shotgun*

Relevant equipment must include:

- *Holsters, pouches, webbing and containers for relevant firearms*
- *Relevant body armour*
- *Telecommunication system*
- *Electronic/digital*
- *Optical*
- *Medical*
- *Hand cuffs*
- *Flashlight, etc*

Duty/job related task must include:

- *Armed response*
- *VIP protection*
- *Assets in transit*
- *Aviation security*
- *Dog handlers*
- *Specialist units in official institutions, etc.*

Fit & proper must include:

- *Medically & mentally fit*
- *Sober from drugs/alcohol*
- *Personal appearance, bearing & attitude acceptable to task.*

Information/briefing must include:

- *Crime tendencies specific to area of responsibility*
From community
From policing forums
Media
Informants
Institutions, etc.
- *Escorts,*
- *Rendezvous*
- *Orders & instructions.*

Operational tactical requirements/preparedness must include:

- *Intelligence:*
- *Irregularities;*
- *Resources;*
- *Personnel;*
- *Geographical area of responsibility;*
- *Legal powers.*

Relevant documents/permits must:

- *Relevant identification*
- *Appropriate company/organisation/institutions*
- *Security Industry regulatory authority (SIRA).*
- *Relevant firearms permit/license*
- *Warrants*
- *Authorities and/or restricted area permits, etc.*

Defined quality and output standards will be found in the employer's:

- *Work specifications*
- *Policies and procedures*

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2:

Apply knowledge and understanding of the tactical operational procedures & techniques specific to the use of relevant firearms required for duty/job related environments.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- 2.1 Demonstrate and apply knowledge of relevant tactical operational procedures in the specific job environment.

- 2.2 Safety of self and others ensured by handling and/or carrying relevant firearms in appropriate operational, specific job related tactical manner and in holsters/containers that comply with legal requirements.
- 2.3 Operators utilise the relevant firearms within prevailing legal parameters & in accordance with their relevant standard operational procedures.
- 2.4 Appropriated interpersonal skills are applied to ensure effective client/public relations.
- 2.5 Situation/incident related confrontations are tactically & competently dealt with.

Range: *Relevant tactical operational procedures must include:*

- *Approaching premises, buildings, vehicles & suspects*
Per transport
On foot – single or with back up
- *Securing, entering & moving outside/inside premises, buildings, rooms, malls & large vehicles, i.e. Trains, busses, aircraft, boats etc.*
- *Tactical application of illumination.*
- *Correct use of cover & concealment*
- *Armed methods/techniques for arresting*
Armed officer
Armed suspect
- *Incident control*
- *Search & seizure procedures*
- *Disarming techniques*
- *Immediate tactical response to emergency signals/threats*
- *Firearm readiness, etc.*

Safety precautions (authorised personnel/public) must include:

- *Firearms operational handling safety precautions - minimise risk to loss of life / injury of public / clients & risk to loss / damage to public / clients property by adhering to relevant firearm standing operational procedures in/at Public, the scene of an incident, i.e. confrontation, crime scene, etc.*

Prevailing legal parameters must include:

- *Applicable sections of the Firearms Control Act 60/2000.*
- *Applicable section of the Criminal Procedures Act, 1977.*
- *Applicable section of the Regulation of Gatherings Act, 1993.*
- *Applicable sections of the Dangerous Weapons Act.*
- *Private defence*

- *Moral & humanitarian considerations (proportionality)*
- *Constitution.*
- *Continuum of force*
- *Vicarious liability*
- *Civil liability*
- *Applicable sections of specific Acts relevant to unique job/workplace environments*

Client/public relations must include:

- *Officer/client/public relations*
- *Dealing with difficult/extraordinary clients/public*

Situation related confrontations must include:

- *Non lethal*

*Challenge procedure
Officer/law enforcement/client/public/suspect identification.*

- *Lethal*

*Patterns of encounter
Immediate action drills
Officer attitudes*

- *Back up*
- *Tactical withdrawal*
- *Emergency scenes procedures with reference to firearms.*
- *Post incident liability*

*Incident scenes
Domestic violence, etc*

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 3:

Conduct post operational de-briefings with relevant personnel with regards to lethal and/or potentially lethal confrontations/incidents.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- 3.1 Firearm operator's mental state is catered for after a lethal/near lethal confrontation via proper psychological debriefings.

- 3.2 Relevant reports are completed according to legal and standard operational procedures.
- 3.3 Operator reports back on the operational & mechanical status of the relevant firearms/ammunition & equipment issued to him for duty.
- 3.4 Operational weaknesses and / or shortcomings are reported to supervision for further action.

Range: *Mental state/ psychological debriefings must include:*

- *Direct victim*
- *Indirect victim*
- *Post stress trauma*

Relevant reports must include:

- *Firearms & ammunition register*
- *Occurrence book*
- *Pocket book*
- *Statements, etc.*

Operational & mechanical status must include:

- *Firearms & ammunition serviceable & functional*
- *Equipment serviceable & functional*
- *Fit for purpose, etc.*

Reported must include:

- *Verbal communication*
- *Reporting skills*

ACCREDITATION AND MODERATION OPTIONS:

1. Anyone assessing a learner or moderating the assessment of a learner against this unit standard must be registered as an assessor with the POSLEC SETA ETQA/and any other body with whom a MOU was entered into.
2. Any institution offering learning that will enable achievement of this unit standard must be accredited as a provider through the POSLEC SETA ETQA by SAQA/ and any other body with whom a MOU was entered into.

3. The POSLEC SETA ETQA/ and any other body with whom a MOU was entered into will oversee assessment and moderation of assessment according to the moderation guidelines in the relevant competency and the POSLEC SETA ETQA/ and any other body with whom a MOU was entered into.

NOTES:

1. CRITICAL CROSS-FIELD OUTCOMES

The following critical outcomes are addressed in this unit standard:

- 1.1 Collect, analyse, organise and critically evaluate information related to operational procedures & techniques specific to the use of relevant firearms required for tactical duty/job related environments
- 1.2 Work effectively with others as a member of a tactical team, group
- 1.3 Understand the world as a set of related systems in that legislative requirements are interrelated with the overall safe and operational tactical application of firearms.
- 1.4 Organise oneself and one's activities so that all requirements are met in achieving competence in the use of firearms in tactical duty related situations.
- 1.6 Identify and solve problems related to tactical job related confrontations and incidents
- 1.7 Communicate effectively when dealing with confrontations/clients/public/team members.

2. ESSENTIAL EMBEDDED KNOWLEDGE

Refer to Specific Outcomes 1,2, and 3, Assessment Criteria and the Range of variables contained in this unit standard and specifically to,

- A comprehensive understanding of the relevant legislation, procedures and practices.
- A comprehensive understanding of discretion in the use of firearms.
- A comprehensive understanding of close quarter battle skills.
- A broad understanding of debriefing/ trauma techniques.
- A comprehensive understanding of tactical operational application of firearms.
- A comprehensive understanding of firearm retention & disarming techniques.
- An ability to distinguish the difference between normal and deviant behaviour
- An understanding of lawful and effective methods of physical restraint.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS

Specified requirements include legal and legislative specific requirements and are:

LEGAL

- Applicable sections of the Firearms Control Act 60/2000.
- Applicable section of the Criminal Procedures Act, 1977.
- Applicable section of the Regulation of Gatherings Act, 1993.
- Applicable sections of the Dangerous Weapons Act.
- Private defence
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- Civil liability
- Applicable sections of specific Acts relevant to unique job/workplace environments

CONTEXT SPECIFIC

- Training provider user manuals
- Specifications, company/organisation operational agreements and policies and procedures

Resources required for Assessment:

- Relevant shooting range.
- Shooting exercise order.
- Tools, equipment and materials for mock-up and/or range set up.
- Drill rounds and replica firearms
- Relevant Firearms, magazines and ammunition.
- Holsters and magazine pouches.
- Firearm cleaning equipment
- Safety equipment and protective uniform/clothes
- Communications equipment.
- Necessary administrative and stationary issue.
- First aid/fire fighting equipment.
- Criterion referenced assessment instructions/tools.
- Relevant shooting range standing orders.
- A suitable venue: workplace and classroom.

UNIT STANDARDS JUSTIFICATION

LEVEL

Attribute	Level	Justification
Skills	5	Definite variety within critical stress, with drastic consequence.
Procedures	5	Familiar procedures apply but not repetitively
Context	5	An endless number of variations can and does occur.
Knowledge	5	Relevant theory is required to address different conditions that may occur.
Information Processing	5	Information is dynamically processed to constantly identify threat
Problem Solving	5	Discretion responsibility and reliability is required to execute the process effectively.
Orientation of activity	5	Follows instructions, works under supervision and must refer any abnormal conditions to the Supervisor, but must be prepared to act on discretion of need.
Application of Responsibility	5	Works under supervision and regular quality control inspection is required, though degree of responsibility is critical, and measurable by preservation of life as primary factor.
Orientation and scope of Responsibility	5	Responsible for own quality and quantity which can have an impact on others in the process

Average Level: 5

Actual Level Assigned: 5

CREDITS

Total hours required by the learner to achieve the required outcomes:

Activity	Hours
Classroom learning	65
On-the-job learning	70
Self directed learning	15
Coaching required	60
Other (projects)	10
TOTAL	220

CREDITS ACHIEVED: 22