



UNIT STANDARD 119649

Handle and use of Handgun

PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD

This Unit Standard is for anyone who privately uses a handgun 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 & REGONITION 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.

SPECIFIC OUTCOMES & ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1

Handle a handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA A

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 the relevant legislation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

The term control includes safe storage.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2

Use a handgun.

OUTCOME RANGE

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA B

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 handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

Ammunition used is appropriate to the 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 yourself or 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 & 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 the barrel is clear and dry.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA C

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 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 or gunsmith.

UNIT STANDARD ACCREDITATION & 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 (MOU) 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 (MOU) 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

