



UNIT STANDARD 119650

Handle & use a Self-loading Rifle or Carbine

PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD

This Unit Standard is for anyone who privately uses self-loading rifle or carbine or who requires a Competency Certificate in terms of relevant legislation.

People credited with this Unit Standard are capable of:

- Handling a self-loading Rifle or Carbine.
- Using a self-loading Rifle or Carbine.
- Carrying out basic inspection and maintenance of a self-loading Rifle or Carbine 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 Standards:

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

SPECIFIC OUTCOMES & ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1

Handle a self-loading Rifle or Carbine

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA A

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

The self-loading rifle or carbine 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 self-loading Rifle or Carbine is treated as if loaded at all times.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

Loading & unloading is carried out in a safe manner appropriate to the mechanisms of the self-loading Rifle or Carbine.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

The self-loading Rifle or carbine 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 of a self-loading Rifle or Carbine.

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 B

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Scenarios in which a self-loading rifle or carbine may or may not be used are described in terms of relevant legislation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

- Accurately means 10 out of 10 shots on an A5 size target from minimum distance of 10m with accountability of impact for every shot fired. . 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 4

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 5

In the event of malfunctions, the self-loading Rifle or Carbine is restored to safe and effective functioning.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

Fundamentals of self-loading Rifle or Carbine handling are demonstrated appropriate to self-loading Rifle or Carbine.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Fundamentals of self-loading Rifle or Carbine handling refer to but are not limited to stance, grip and aiming.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7

Prior to firing self-loading Rifle or Carbine, the target is identified as well as what is behind the target and where bullet will come to rest.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 8

Ammunition used is appropriate to self-loading Rifle or Carbine.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 9

Self-loading Rifle or Carbine must be fired unsupported.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Unsupported means without dead resting the self-loading Rifle or Carbine but allows firing with two hands.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 3

Carry out basic inspection & maintenance of a self-loading Rifle or Carbine 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 C

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

Inspection identifies firearm conditions that could impact on the safe functioning of the self-loading Rifle or Carbine.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

The self-loading Rifle or Carbine 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 self-loading Rifle or Carbine 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 & range rules where applicable

