



UNIT STANDARD 123514

Handle & use a Shotgun for business purposes.

PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD

This Unit Standard applies to persons who will through the application of knowledge of the relevant legislation, carry, handle, shoot and maintain a Shotgun for business purposes.

Benefit to society of this Unit Standard is that law enforcement personnel from both the private and public sectors will contribute to safety in society.

A person credited with this Unit Standard will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of safe handling principles in a business environment.
- Operate a Shotgun in a business environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the mechanical functioning of the Shotgun.
- Demonstrate knowledge of a Shotgun under adverse conditions.

LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE & REGONITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

- Communication NQF Level 2

It is further assumed that the following Unit Standards relating to the Rifle or Carbine have been completed before attempting this Unit Standard: 117705 & 119650 – If these Unit Standards have not been completed, they must be completed before continuing with this Unit Standard.

SPECIFIC OUTCOMES & ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1

Demonstrate knowledge of safe handling principles in a business environment.

OUTCOME RANGE

Safe handling principles must include:

- Safe direction.
- Load to a safe carry condition.
- Unload or make safe.
- Range safety rules.
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- Safe maintenance.

- Safety catch.
- Safety precautions.
- Range commands.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA A

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

A safe direction is described in different environments.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

“Different environments” must include office buildings, parking areas, shopping malls, crowded areas and vehicles.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Safety precautions are demonstrated with the Shotgun in a controlled scenario.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Safety precautions must include unloading/making the Shotgun safe and when to carry out safety precautions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Shotgun is loaded to a safe carry condition in accordance with safety procedures & legal requirements.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Where the Shotgun is equipped with a sling, the correct carry position is demonstrated.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

The operation of the safety device is demonstrated in a manner applicable to that particular device.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION NOTES

Where the Shotgun has a manually operated or external safety feature, the learner is to demonstrate how it works.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

The importance of personal protection equipment (PPE) is explained in the context of indoor & outdoor shooting range.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

PPE must include both eye & ear protection applicable to the shooting range used.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

Range commands are understood and adhered to during practical assessment and shooting exercises.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7

A safety inspection applicable to the Shotgun is demonstrated to ensure the Shotgun has been maintained in working order.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the mechanical functioning of the Shotgun.

OUTCOME RANGE

Mechanical functioning includes:

- Parts and functions.
- Mechanical function of the Shotgun.
- Mechanical malfunctions.
- Components of a cartridge.
- Cartridge firing sequence.
- Cartridge malfunctions.
- Correction of malfunctions

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA B

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

Visible parts of an assembled Shotgun are identified in terms of parts and functions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Functions of the main parts of the Shotgun are explained in terms of the barrel and the action.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

The action of a Shotgun refers to the moving parts and mechanical functioning of a Shotgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Basic components of a Shotgun cartridge are identified in terms of their characteristics and applications.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Basic components must include:

- Bullet.
- Propellant and/or Powder.
- Case.
- Wad.
- Primer.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

The cartridge firing sequence and pattern spread of the Shotgun is explained in terms of how a cartridge works.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

Firearm and ammunition malfunctions are identified and corrective action is implemented while applying safe handling principles.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 3

Operate a Shotgun in a business environment.

OUTCOME RANGE

The term operate also refers to the handling and use of a Shotgun.

Operate refers to:

- Fundamentals.
- Body positions
- Barricades.
- Immediate Action Drills (IAD).
- Point of Aim.
- Rapid reload.
- Practical shooting.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA C

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

Fundamentals of Shotgun shooting are demonstrated to provide a stable shooting platform for Shotgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Fundamentals will include but it not limited to grip, stance and aiming.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Body positions are demonstrated to provide a stable shooting platform for firing a Shotgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Body positions must include, but is not limited to standing and kneeling.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

The ability to apply a standing and kneeling stance is demonstrated with a Shotgun while taking cover behind a barricade.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

An Immediate Action Drill (IAD) application to the Shotgun being used is demonstrated while applying safe handling principles.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

The recommended point of aim when using a Shotgun for business purposes is explained in the context of centre body mass.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Point of aim refers to that part of the target aimed at.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

A rapid reload is demonstrated applicable to the relevant Shotgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7

Target is hit accurately with control of bullet impact and accountability for 80% of shots fired.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Accurately means 80% (4 out of 5) shots fired must appear on the target.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 8

Proficiency in the use of a Shotgun for business purposes is demonstrated in a controlled scenario.

Controlled Scenario:

The Shotgun is presented from either a sling or low ready position. Five rounds are to be fired in a time of 10 seconds from a standing position. Distance to target must be 10 metres.

The Shotgun may not be dead-rested while shooting.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION NOTES

- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be approximately A5 in size.
- The scenario is to begin with the Shotgun loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 4

Demonstrate knowledge of a Shotgun under adverse conditions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Adverse conditions must include the following:

- Awareness strategy to reduce stress.
- Low light shooting.
- Risk assessment.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA D

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

An awareness strategy is explained in order to limit the effects of adrenaline on the human body.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Awareness strategy must be explained with colour codes or the Observation, Orientation, Decision & Action (OODA loop) system or a similar concept.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Principles of low light shooting are explained to ensure that targets are identified & targets are acquisitioned.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Target acquisition refers to aligning the firearm with the target.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Equipment used by the learner during assessment is proven to be fit for purpose.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Fit for purpose will include, safe, functional, reliable and in accordance with legal requirements.

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:

- Parts and functions of ammunition.
- Parts and functions of a Shotgun.
- Safe handling of Shotguns in various environments.
- Use of safety equipment and range rules where applicable.



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