



UNIT STANDARD 123515

Handle & use a Handgun 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 Handgun for business purposes.

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

- Demonstrate knowledge of safe handling principles in a business environment.
- Operate a Handgun in a business environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the mechanical functioning of the Handgun.
- Demonstrate knowledge of a Handgun 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 Handgun 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 & vehicles.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Handgun is loaded to a safe carry condition and holstered in accordance with prescribed safety procedures and legal requirements.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION NOTES

Where the Handgun 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 Handgun is demonstrated to ensure the Handgun has been maintained in working order.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the mechanical functioning of the Handgun.

OUTCOME RANGE

Mechanical functioning includes:

- Parts and functions.
- Mechanical function of the Handgun.
- 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 Handgun are identified in terms of parts and functions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Basic components must include:

- Bullet.
- Propellant or powder.
- Case.
- Primer.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

The cartridge firing sequence is explained in terms of how a cartridge functions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

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

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 3

Operate a Handgun in a business environment.

OUTCOME RANGE

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

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 Handgun shooting are demonstrated to provide a stable shooting platform for Handgun.

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 Handgun.

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 Handgun while taking cover behind a barricade.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Immediate Action Drill (IAD) must include, but is not limited to checking the magazine is inserted and working properly, removing the faulty cartridge and chambering a new round and re-acquiring a sight picture.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION NOTES

It must be born in mind that the “target” in most cases will be human when using a Handgun for business purposes.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Point of aim refers to that part of the target at which you will aim.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

A rapid reload is demonstrated while maintaining a safe muzzle direction and with the finger off the trigger.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Rapid reload refers to a magazine change or cylinder refill.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7

Target is hit accurately with control of bullet impact and accountability for 80% of shots fired. The term accountability refers to the accuracy of the shots fired. The Handgun must be fired with two hands, but may not be dead-rested.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 8

Proficiency in the use of a Handgun for business purposes is demonstrated in 3 controlled scenarios.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Controlled scenarios must include the following scenarios:

Controlled Scenario 1 (for semi-automatic Pistol)

The pistol is presented from the holster and five rounds are fired, a magazine change is complete and five more rounds are fired. All ten rounds must be fired in a time of 20 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 2 (for semi-automatic Pistol)

With five live rounds and one dummy round in the magazine, the pistol is presented and fired in a time of 10 seconds carrying out the Immediate Action Drill (IAD) when necessary.

Notes:

- The dummy round may not be the first or last round in the magazine.
- Distance to target must be 7m
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 3 (for semi-automatic Pistol)

The Pistol is presented and five rounds are fired from the standing position. A magazine change is to be completed and five more rounds are to be fired from the kneeling position in a time of 20 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 1 (for Revolver)

The Revolver is presented from the holster and five rounds are fired, a rapid reload is completed and five more rounds are fired. All 10 rounds must be fired in a time of 20 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 2 (for Revolver)

The Revolver is to be loaded with 5 rounds in cylinder. The firearm must be presented from the holster and 5 rounds fired in a time of 8 seconds using a standing position.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 2 (for Revolver)

The Revolver is to be presented from the holster and 5 rounds are to be fired from the standing position. A rapid reload is then completed and 5 more rounds are fired from a kneeling position. All 10 rounds are to be fired within a time of 25 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person which complies with legal requirements.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 4

Demonstrate knowledge of a Handgun under adverse conditions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Adverse conditions must include the following:

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA C

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

“Awareness strategy” must be described with the use of 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 and targets are acquisitioned.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Target acquisition refers to aligning the firearm with the target.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

The use of handgun and torch technique is demonstrated in accordance with prescribed methods.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

A function check is carried out on equipment in order to ensure that it is 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.

