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SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
REGISTERED UNIT STANDARD:

Handle and use a handgun

SAQA US ID	UNIT STANDARD TITLE			
119649	Handle and use a handgun			
ORIGINATOR		ORIGINATING PROVIDER		
SGB Security				
QUALITY ASSURING BODY				
SAS SETA - Safety and Security SETA				
FIELD			SUBFIELD	
Field 08 - Law, Military Science and Security			Safety in Society	
ABET BAND	UNIT STANDARD TYPE	OLD NQF LEVEL	NEW NQF LEVEL	CREDITS
Undefined	Regular	Level 3	NQF Level 03	2
REGISTRATION STATUS		REGISTRATION START DATE	REGISTRATION END DATE	SAQA DECISION NUMBER
Reregistered		2009-07-01	2012-06-30	SAQA 0480/09
LAST DATE FOR ENROLMENT		LAST DATE FOR ACHIEVEMENT		
2013-06-30		2016-06-30		

In all of the tables in this document, both the old and the new NQF Levels are shown. In the text (purpose statements, qualification rules, etc), any reference to NQF Levels are to the old levels unless specifically stated otherwise.

This unit standard replaces:

US ID	Unit Standard Title	Old NQF Level	New NQF Level	Credits	Replacement Status
10748	Use of a handgun	Level 4	NQF Level 04	10	Complete

PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD

This unit standard is for anyone who privately uses a handgun and 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 AND RECOGNITION 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 and Assessment Criteria:

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1

Handle a handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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 relevant legislation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

The term control includes safe storage.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2

Use a handgun.

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

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 handguns.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

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

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

Ammunition used is appropriate to 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 self, and 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 and 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 barrel is clear and dry.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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 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 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 and or gunsmith.

UNIT STANDARD ACCREDITATION AND 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 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 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.

UNIT STANDARD DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOME

N/A

UNIT STANDARD LINKAGES

N/A

Critical Cross-field Outcomes (CCFO):

UNIT STANDARD CCFO IDENTIFYING

Identify and solve problems: related to conditions for using the firearm and dealing with malfunctions and obstructions.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO ORGANISING

Organise and manage oneself and one's activities responsibly and effectively: the handling and use of a firearm requires self-organisation and management.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO SCIENCE

Use science and technology effectively and critically: related to the use of firearms as a technology.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO DEMONSTRATING

Understand the world as a set of inter-related parts of a system: related to providing descriptions of common law in respect of private use and necessity of use.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO CONTRIBUTING

Contribute to the full development of oneself.

QUALIFICATIONS UTILISING THIS UNIT STANDARD:

	ID	QUALIFICATION TITLE	OLD LEVEL	NEW LEVEL	STATUS	END DATE	QUALITY ASSURING BODY
Core	50480	Further Education and Training Certificate: Firearm Training	Level 4	NQF Level 04	Reregistered	2012-06-30	SAS SETA
Core	62289	Further Education and Training Certificate: Road Traffic Law Enforcement	Level 4	NQF Level 04	Reregistered	2012-06-30	SAS SETA
Elective	59389	National Certificate: Nature Conservation: Resource Guardianship	Level 2	NQF Level 02	Reregistered	2012-06-30	CATHSSETA
Elective	58577	National Certificate: General Security Practices	Level 3	NQF Level 03	Reregistered	2012-06-30	SAS SETA

PROVIDERS CURRENTLY ACCREDITED TO OFFER THIS UNIT STANDARD:

This information shows the current accreditations (i.e. those not past their accreditation end dates), and is the most complete record available to SAQA as of today. Some Quality Assuring Bodies have a lag in their recording systems for provider accreditation, in turn leading to a lag in notifying SAQA of all the providers that they have accredited to offer qualifications and unit standards, as well as any extensions to accreditation end dates. The relevant Quality Assuring Body should be notified if a record appears to be missing from here.

1. A Z FIREARM TRAINING CC
2. AFRI GUARD
3. AIM TRAINING
4. ALL ARMS FIREARM ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING
5. BADUMILE FIREARM AND SECURITY TRAINING CC
6. BASILS ARMS AND AMMUNITION CC
7. BAYVIEW SHOOTING AND TRAINING CLUB
8. Boekenhoutkloof Traffic College
9. BRADBURY PROTECTION SERVICES
10. BULL DOGS PROTECTION SERVICES AND TRAINING CENTRE CC
11. BUSICOR 0046 CC
12. CB SECURITY SOLUTIONS
13. CHIPPA INVESTMENT HOLDINGS CC
14. CHIPPA INVESTMENT HOLDINGS DURBAN
15. CITIGUARDS
16. COLT SHOOTING INSTITUTE
17. DE BEER SHOOTING RANGE
18. DENEL (PTY) LTD T/A PRETORIA METAL PRESSINGS
19. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES WITBANK
20. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES BARBERTON
21. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES BAVIAANSPOORT TRAINING CENTRE
22. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES BETHAL TRAINING CENTRE
23. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES BOSBOU TRAINING CENTRE
24. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES GROENPUNT
25. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES GROOTVLEI
26. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HELDERSTROOM MANAGEMENT AREA
27. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES JOHANNESBURG
28. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES KIMBERLY
29. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES KOKSTAD
30. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES LOSPERFONTEIN
31. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES POTCHEFSTROOM TRAINING CENTRE
32. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ZONDERWATER MANAGEMENT AREA
33. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: GOEDEMOED
34. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES: KROONSTAD
35. DIMASI TRAINING PROVIDERS
36. DOUBLE ACTION SECURITY & TRAINING ACADEMY
37. DUO DYNAMICS CC
38. DYNAMIC ALTERNATIVES HEKPOORT
39. EYABANTU SECURITY SERVICES CC
40. FICKSBURG ARMS
41. FLORA GUNS
42. FREEDOM FIGHTERS SECURITY
43. G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (SA) (PTY) LTD BOKSBURG
44. G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (SA) (PTY) LTD CAPE TOWN
45. G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (SA) (PTY) LTD ROSSLYN
46. G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (SA) (PTY) LTD WYNBERG
47. G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (SA) (PTY) LTD KZN
48. G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS (SA) (PTY) LTD PORT ELIZABETH
49. GERON FIREARM TRAINING ACADEMY
50. GLOBESEC PTY LTD
51. HADASSAH SECURITY CONSULTANTS CC
52. HJN TRAINING CC

53. HORNE SEKURITEIT EN OPLEIDING BK
54. INTEGRATED SPECIAL FORCES AND OPERATIONS
55. IPELENG RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY LTD
56. ITO FOCUS PHOLE (PTY) LTD
57. ITO FOCUS PHOLE SECUNDA
58. LADISMITH VUURWAPEN OPLEIDINGS AKADEMIE OUDTSHOORN
59. LEKANA TRADING CC
60. LIMPOPO TRAINING CENTRE
61. MA SECURITY TRAINING AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATION
62. MALAKAI FIREARM TRAINING
63. MARLEN TRAINING ACADEMY
64. MARSEL ENTREPRENEURS
65. MASAKHANE SECURITY
66. MILITARY POLICE SCHOOL
67. MJP SPECIALIZED SECURITY SERVICES CC
68. MJP SPECIALIZED SECURITY SERVICES KIMBERLY
69. MJP SPECIALIZED SECURITY SERVICES QWAQWA
70. MOLEMA DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
71. MULTI FIREARM TRADING
72. NICHOLLS STEYN AND ASSOCIATES
73. OMEGA RISK SOLUTIONS PORT ELIZABETH
74. PAMWE CHETE SHOOTING ACADEMY
75. POWER FORCE SECURITY CONSULTANTS CC
76. PROMETRIC THOMPSON LEARNING PTY LTD
77. RAMAZWI SECURITY SERVICES CC
78. RHEINMETALL DENEL MUNITION PTY LTD
79. ROMAN PROTECTION SOLUTIONS DURBAN
80. ROMAN PROTECTION SOLUTIONS TRICHARDT
81. RSS SECURITY SERVICES
82. RUSTERNBURG EXPLOSIVES BROKERS
83. S A BODYGUARD
84. S THABETHE SECURITY AND CLEANING
85. SA NAVAL COLLEGE
86. SAAF PROTECTION SERVICE TRAINING WING
87. SANDA SEKURITEIT
88. SAS SALDANHA
89. SAS SIMONSBERG
90. SAXENBURG INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE
91. SBV SERVICES PRETORIA
92. SECURITY BEYOND 2000
93. SECURITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS PRETORIA
94. SEHLOPHA GUARDS CC
95. SILVER SOLUTIONS SECURITY 1713 CC
96. SITUATIONAL SECURITY TRAINING ACADEMY
97. SIZANI PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AND TRACING UNIT CC
98. SNAP SOLUTIONS NETWX
99. SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY
100. SOLIDUS SECURITY SERVICES
101. SPEAR AND HUNTER SECURITY SERVICES
102. SPECIAL ASSET PROTECTION SERVICES PORT ELIZABETH
103. SPECIAL ASSET PROTECTION SERVICES RUSTENBURG
104. STERIAN TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTRE
105. THE FARM DE AAR
106. THREE D FIRE TRAIN CC
107. TM AND HL HANDELAARS
108. TRAINCO CONSULTING CC
109. TRIOTIC PROTECTION SERVICES CC
110. TSHEPISO CONSULTANTS PRETORIA

111. UKHUSELO TRAINING ACADEMY AND SECURITY CC
112. ULUNTU TRAINING ACADEMY
113. UMBANI SECURITY SERVICES
114. VUKASENZELE SECURITY CC
115. ZENZELE TRAINING SCHOOL CC

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