
Overview

This standard is designed to describe the role required of those assisting field shooting activity by loading. It relates to the knowledge and skills required of those handling, loading and passing shotguns to those shooting game. It concerns the assisting/loading role in specific game shooting situations.

This standard is aimed at those who work within the game shooting industry and within the formal role required of those actively assisting the shooting of game.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

1. Prepare for the assisting role by loading
2. Safely loading and handle shotguns when applied to game shooting activity
3. Maintain to acceptable standards all necessary equipment

This standard relates to the following applications or context:

Undertake all necessary checks to determine shotgun suitability in terms of:
damage to stock/forend
damage to barrels
damage to ribs
presence of choke tubes (as necessary)
condition of action/breach

Check ammunition is appropriate for shotgun and sporting context in terms of:
camber length
proof
shot size and type
gauge

Prepare shotgun for the shooting process within context in terms of:
Single gun use
Double gun use

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Prepare to assist game shooting by loading

- P1 Carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P2 Prepare equipment necessary for the loading role
- P3 Undertake all necessary checks to determine shotgun suitability
- P4 Check ammunition is appropriate for shotgun and sporting context
- P5 Transfer equipment and shotgun to shooting location
- P6 Prepare to undertake assisting/loading role

You must be able to:

Assist game shooting by loading

- P7 carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P8 select suitable ammunition suited to the shotgun, client and sporting situation
- P9 load (chamber) ammunition effectively and safely observing appropriate checks
- P10 prepare shotgun for the **shooting process** within context
- P11 conduct loading operations
- P12 command the loading process appropriately
- P13 communicate appropriately and effectively within the context of an assisting/loading role
- P14 conclude loading operations and prepare guns and equipment for carriage

You must be able to:

Conclude loading activity

- P15 Carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P16 Strip, clean and routinely maintain shot gun training at 'end of day'
- P17 Clean and routinely maintain other shooting equipment
- P18 Prepare shot gun and equipment for appropriate storage/transit

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Prepare to assist game shooting by loading

- K1 the appropriate etiquette associated within the shooting assistants/loaders role
- K2 the purpose and set up of the formal shooting field
- K3 aiding the shooting of game within the context of formal driven shooting
- K4 undertaking fitness for purpose checks applicable to a sporting shotgun
- K5 the different kinds of shotgun ammunition and their suitability
- K6 the health and safety requirements associated with the use of shotguns in the context of assisting/loading

You must be able to:

Assist game shooting by loading

- K7 the appropriate etiquette within the shooting assistants'/loaders' role
- K8 the common quarry species
- K9 safe shooting practice
- K10 the legal requirements associated with sporting shooting
- K11 the appropriate reaction to irregularities in shotgun operation
- K12 how to react to changing weather conditions
- K13 how to react to positional changes in the shooting field
- K14 the importance of appropriate communication and commands within assisting/loading context
- K15 the difference in single gun and double gun loading operations
- K16 the health and safety requirements of the assisting/loading role

You must be able to:

Conclude loading activity

- K17 The appropriate etiquette within the shooting assistants loaders role
- K18 The legal requirements associated with shotgun use
- K19 The legal requirements associated with shotgun and ammunition storage and carriage
- K20 Appropriate cleaning and maintenance of sporting equipment
- K21 Appropriate cleaning and maintenance of other shooting equipment
- K22 The health and safety requirements of assisting/loading role

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