

Title	Conduct physical search of persons as an aviation security officer		
Level	4	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are, as an aviation security operative, able to: prepare for a physical search; conduct a physical search of a person; apply appropriate physical search methods; and respond to detection of prohibited items, LAGs and dangerous goods during the physical search.
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Classification	Aviation > Airport Operations
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Guidance Information

- 1** Definitions

Dangerous goods refers to substances and articles identified as such in ICAO document 9284 - *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*.

LAGs refer to liquids, aerosols and gels.

Prohibited items include weapons, explosives, and firearms as identified in ICAO Appendix 45.

The term *physical search* refers to a pat down search conducted to ensure a person is not carrying a prohibited or LAGs item into a sterile, security area, or security enhanced area.
- 2** A physical search is only conducted on persons of the same gender (and with another appropriate person of the same gender present if conducted in private).
- 3** Reference to *enterprise procedures* means that all activities must comply with the requirements contained in the current airport exposition, current airport company manuals and procedures, where applicable, and any relevant legislative and/or regulatory requirements, which may include but are not limited to: Civil Aviation Act 1990, relevant Civil Aviation Rules, Aviation Crimes Act 1972, Aviation Security Services Policies and Procedures, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Policy.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare for a physical search as an aviation security operative.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Legal powers to physically search persons and associated enterprise procedures are interpreted and applied.
- 1.2 The person to be searched is informed that physical searches can be intrusive and may cover any part of the body in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – chest, groin.
- 1.3 The permission of the person is obtained prior to conducting a physical search, including the identification of a private area where the physical search may be conducted, in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- 1.4 Consent is recorded in accordance with regulatory requirements and enterprise procedures.
- 1.5 Enterprise procedures are followed when a person declines to give consent to being physically searched.
- 1.6 The person being searched is asked to remove any bulky over garments and any other items in their possession capable of being divested and these are separately checked by primary screening processes.

Outcome 2

Conduct a physical search of a person as an aviation security officer.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 A physical search of a person is carried out using the methods and techniques detailed in the organisation's procedures and acknowledging social or cultural practices.
- 2.2 Occupational health and safety principles are followed during the conduct of a physical search of persons in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- 2.3 Customer service principles and standards are applied throughout a physical search of a person during the screening process in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- 2.4 If cleared, the person is allowed to proceed to the sterile area in accordance with enterprise procedures.

Outcome 3

Apply appropriate physical search methods as an aviation security officer.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Appropriate screening methods and requirements are applied when conducting a physical search of infants and children in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- 3.2 Appropriate screening methods and requirements are applied when conducting a physical search of disabled persons or other persons with special needs in accordance with enterprise procedures.

Range may include but is not limited to – person in a wheelchair who may or may not be able to stand unassisted; person not in a wheelchair but who requires a walking aid; person who is hearing impaired; person with a prosthetic device, body brace or other medical device; person who is vision impaired; person who requires the assistance of a carer; person who is accompanied by an assistance or companion animal (e.g. a guide dog); person who is vision impaired who needs to carry unusual electronic devices in their personal effects (for example Braille note taker).

Outcome 4

Respond to detection of prohibited items, LAGs and dangerous goods during the physical search as an aviation security officer.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 In the event of discovery of prohibited items during the physical search, response occurs in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- 4.2 If detected, a prohibited item is managed in accordance with enterprise procedures.

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