
Overview

This unit is imported from Skills for Security approved Security Consultants suite of National Occupational Standards and is Unit SCN 5.

This unit determines the effectiveness of security measures. It is designed to demonstrate competence in determining the quality and relevance of security provision against given criteria whilst setting the standard to:

1. Determine the quality and relevance of security provision against given criteria
2. Report potential weakness in security provision
3. Provide support to clients

You must be able to carry out sufficient and appropriate actions to verify the effectiveness of current security arrangements. This means you must know and understand how to identify and take account of the limitations or restrictions in the effectiveness of security measures and arrangements. You must know how to obtain other specialist help and advice if needed. You will be expected to inform your clients where there are imminent risks to assets.

When determining the quality and relevance of security provision against given criteria you must know how to compare security arrangements against given security objectives.

The knowledge that you have to be competent in this area includes understanding current relevant legislation, regulations, codes of practice and guidelines relating to security provision.

You must be able to take account of relevant information from different sources to identify potential weaknesses in security provision. You will be expected to know how to categorise weaknesses and determine potential countermeasures. You should be able to produce reports and present your findings to your clients.

When providing support to clients you must be able to communicate with them using appropriate methods. You must be able to provide clients with relevant, accurate and unbiased information relating to the effectiveness of security measures.

You must understand how and why it is important to ensure that your clients are aware of all relevant information. You will also be expected to understand why it is important to maintain the security and confidentiality of information relating to security provision.

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Performance criteria

Determine the quality and relevance of security provision against given criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 collate and take account of relevant information sufficient to determine the effectiveness of current **security arrangements**
- P2 carry out sufficient and appropriate **actions** to verify the effectiveness of current security arrangements
- P3 obtain other specialist help and advice when needed
- P4 compare capabilities of current physical, procedural and electronic security measures against agreed security aims and objectives or criteria
- P5 inform **clients** promptly of situations where there are imminent risks to assets
- P6 identify and record accurate details of any limitations or restrictions in the effectiveness of current security arrangements
- P7 prepare and produce **reports** in a style and format that helps clients and other relevant persons understand the effectiveness and limitations of current security provision
- P8 maintain the security and confidentiality of information relating to security provision

Report potential weakness in security provision

You must be able to:

- P9 collate and take account of relevant information from different **sources** to identify potential weaknesses in security provision
- P10 identify limitations or restrictions that affect the security provision
- P11 categorise **weaknesses** to determine potential measures
- P12 present details of weaknesses in a presentation to the appropriate person in a style that draws attention to and helps a client and other relevant persons to understand the potential weaknesses in current security provision
- P13 inform clients immediately of situations where there is a critical weakness in security provision
- P14 maintain the security and confidentiality of information relating to security provision

Provide support to clients

You must be able to:

- P15 provide clients with relevant and accurate information relating to the effectiveness of security measures within agreed timescale
- P16 communicate with your clients using appropriate communication methods

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 current relevant legislation, regulations, codes of practice and guidelines relating to security provision
- K2 how to identify and take account of the limitations or restrictions in the effectiveness of security measures and arrangements
- K3 how and why it is important to match security options against aims and objectives
- K4 how to compare security arrangements against given security objectives
- K5 how to prepare reports in a clear and concise manner and in different formats
- K6 how and why you should maintain the security and confidentiality of information relating to security provision
- K7 how and why it is important to use different sources to identify potential weaknesses in security provision
- K8 how to categorise weaknesses and determine potential measures
- K9 how and why it is important to consider the limitations or restrictions that may be a potential weakness to current security provision
- K10 who to present your findings to
- K11 how and why it is important to provide information which is unbiased
- K12 how and why it is important to communicate effectively and in a style and format suitable to your clients
- K13 how and why it is important to ensure that your clients are aware of all relevant information relating to the effectiveness of security measures

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Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

You must be competent to deal with the following types of:

1. **security arrangements:** physical, procedural, electronic
2. **clients:** government, commercial, not for profit entities, private
3. **report:** written, verbal
4. **sources:** trade, official, commercial
5. **weaknesses:** commercial, financial, criminal, natural disaster or hazard, political
6. **presentation:** written, verbal, visual
7. **appropriate person:** manager, director, partner
8. **communication methods:** written, verbal
9. **style and format:** formal, informal, written, verbal, visual
10. **bias:** commercial, financial, conflict or interest

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