



POLICY INSTRUCTION

Small Arms Ranges – Compliance with Mandated Policy

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Who Should Read this: Project Sponsors, Project Managers, Site Estates Team Leaders, and any of their Consultants or contractors involved in any works, including new build, modification or refurbishment of Small Arms and Infantry Weapon System ranges

When it takes effect: Immediately

When it is due to expire:
01 May 15

Health &
Safety

Equality And Diversity Impact Assessment

This policy has been Equality and Diversity Impact Assessed in accordance with the Department's Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment Tool against:

Part 1 Assessment Only (no diversity impact found).

1. The aim of this Policy Instruction (PI) is to ensure all Small Arms Ranges comply with the relevant policy. This PI updates and replaces PI 26/2004 on Small Arms Ranges which is now withdrawn.
2. All MOD small arms ranges must be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Joint Service Publications (JSPs) 403, 434 and 435. No work affecting the range itself or its danger area, as distinct from peripheral administrative buildings, can be undertaken without compliance with the mandated defence policy contained within these JSPs.
3. Before any work planned for MOD small arms ranges is initiated, whether new build, refurbishment, modification, repair or any other, irrespective of size or value of the works, the Technical Advisory Section (TAS) Royal Engineers (RE) must be consulted over proposals in relation to range layout, dimensional requirements, ballistic functionality including bullet capture, ricochet, backslash interception / prevention and hidden attrition.

4. TAS (RE) is to be informed when range work commences so that site visits may be arranged at key stages of the works to ensure eventual ballistic compliance is achieved.
5. Any contractor engaged to undertake work on Small Arms Ranges must be competent and familiar with the requirements in the JSPs referenced in paragraph 2 above.
6. TAS (RE) holds a list of contractors, consultants and Project Management teams with experience in range design, development and refurbishment. These contractors and consultants are familiar with the requirements of JSP 403 and they ensure that they remain current with safety issues related to range structures and solutions by attending annual range conferences/ workshops hosted by Defence Training Estate.
7. Structures that do not form part of the actual range such as workshops, troop shelters and the like are subject to the relevant requirements for the built estate.
8. Technical Advisory Section should be contacted at:

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