

Arms Explosive Search (AES) Dog Handler Course No: 435/008

Aim of Course	Outline of Syllabus	Remarks
To provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become an operational AES Dog Handler.	<p>On completion of the course, the dog handler will be capable of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a close working relationship with a trained AES dog • Advising a Search Team Commander of the correct procedures for the employment of an AES dog under various operational situations • Employ the dog to search, find and indicate the presence of arms, ammunition, explosives and related items • Recognising common terrorist booby traps, weapons and explosives • Operating an AES dog to detect and clear all types of buildings (occupied and unoccupied), outside areas including route clearances, vehicles, aircraft, shops etc • Completing reports and understanding safety precautions • Recognise the basic signs of health, detect signs of sickness and report any abnormalities • Conducting all forms of continuation training in order to maintain the dog at a high standard of operational efficiency. 	<p>The Defence Animal Centre can sometimes provide trained dogs. Please refer any queries to IDT(A).</p> <p>Related Course: Patrol Dog Handler's Course.</p>

Rank Range	Entry Standards	Duration	Qualifications gained	Frequency
Private soldiers and all non-commissioned ranks	IELTS level 6. Experience in basic dog handling.	15 weeks	A Pass Certificate is awarded to successful students	3 courses per year

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