



Do you know your General Reserve Army Medics Skills?



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The Australian Army has currently developed five levels of General Reserve Combat Medical Attendant

The Combat Medical Attendant ECN 291-1

The Combat Medical Attendant ECN 291-2

The Combat Medical Attendant ECN 291-3

The Combat Medical Attendant ECN 291-4

The Combat Medical Attendant ECN 291-5

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291 (IET)

These soldiers have completed a comprehensive 16 day course that has prepared them for employment in the following areas of Army:

Evacuation teams (to assist the BMO, AMT, and CMA 291-4 & 5)

Small Arms range (Table 1.2 Specific minimum range safety requirements small arms ranges MLW 2.9.2 Range Regulations)

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291-2

These soldiers have completed an additional two comprehensive 16 day courses that has prepared them for employment in the following areas of Army:

- Primary Care Health Teams (RAP & Medical centres under the supervision of the BMO, AMT, CMA 291-4 & 5, NO and MO)
- Evacuation teams (to assist the AMT, CMA 291-4 & 5)
- Small Arms range (Table 1.2 Specific minimum range safety requirements small arms ranges MLW 2.9.2 Range Regulations)

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291-3

These soldiers have completed an additional three comprehensive 16 day courses that has prepared them for employment in the following areas of Army:

- Primary Care Health Teams (RAP & Medical centres under the supervision of AMT, CMA 291-4 & 5, NO and MO)
- Evacuation teams (to assist the AMT, CMA 291-4 & 5)
- Low dependency teams under the supervision of the AMT, CMA 291-4 & 5
- Medium dependency teams under the supervision of the AMT, CMA 291-4 & 5, NO, MO
- Small Arms range (Table 1.2 Specific minimum range safety requirements small arms ranges MLW 2.9.2 Range Regulations)

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291-4

These soldiers have completed an additional five comprehensive 16 day courses that has prepared them for employment in the following areas of Army:

- Primary Care Health Teams (RAP & Medical centres under the supervision of AMT, CMA 291-5, NO and MO)
- Evacuation teams
- Low dependency teams under the supervision of the AMT, CMA 291- 5
- Medium dependency teams under the supervision of the AMT, CMA 291- 5, NO, MO
- Small Arms range (Table 1.2 Specific minimum range safety requirements small arms ranges MLW 2.9.2 Range Regulations)

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291-5

These soldiers have completed an additional six comprehensive 16 day courses that has prepared them for employment in the following areas of Army Primary Care Health Teams (RAP & Medical centres under the supervision of the NO and MO)

- Primary Care Health Teams (RAP & Medical centres under the supervision of the NO and MO)
- Evacuation teams
 - Low dependency teams
- Medium dependency teams under the supervision of the NO, MO
- Small Arms range (Table 1.2 Specific minimum range safety requirements small arms ranges MLW 2.9.2 Range Regulations)

Skills and Procedures that the Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) can employ:

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291-1

- As per the Army Treatment Protocols Manual Volume One Pre Hospital care (ATPM Vol One)
- Initial evaluation of the sick and wounded (Primary & Secondary survey)
- Intravenous Fluid replacement for illness or injury
- Pain relief using Morphine and Penthrane
- Oxygen Therapy
- WGBT
- Transportation of the sick and wounded via Ambulance

Extraction of the injured using service extraction equipment:

- Casualty Triage categories
- Face and Neck Injuries
- Thoracic Injuries
- Spinal Injuries
- Burn Injuries
- Convulsions (without the use of medications)
- Envenomation
- Hypothermia
- Casualty Evacuation Priorities
- Head Injuries
- Eye Injuries
- Abdominal Injuries
- Limb Injuries
- Cardiac Arrest (without the use of medications)
- Heat Illnesses
- Anaphylaxis

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291-2

- As per the Army Treatment Protocols Manual Volume One Pre Hospital care (ATPM Vol One)
- Initial evaluation of the sick and wounded (Primary & Secondary survey)
- Trained to participate as a resuscitation team member
- Trained to deploy and operate in Army health assets such as the RAP and Resuscitation bays
- Intravenous Fluid replacement for illness or injury
- Pain relief using Morphine and Penthrane
- Oxygen Therapy
- WGBT
- Transportation of the sick and wounded via Ambulance

Extraction of the injured using service extraction equipment:

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- Thoracic Injuries
- Spinal Injuries
- Burn Injuries
- Cardiac Arrest (without the use of medications)
- Convulsions (without the use of medications)
- Envenomation
- Head Injuries
- Eye Injuries
- Abdominal Injuries
- Limb Injuries
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- Spinal Injuries
- Burn Injuries
- Convulsions (without the use of medications)
- Envenomation
- Hypothermia
- Casualty Evacuation Priorities
- Extensive basic nursing care in the field and barracks environment
- Wound management and treatment
- Head Injuries
- Eye Injuries
- Abdominal Injuries
- Limb Injuries
- Cardiac Arrest (without the use of medications)
- Heat Illnesses
- Anaphylaxis

The Combat Medical Attendant (CMA) ECN 291-4 & 5

- As per the ADF AMA Emergency Treatment Protocols Manual
- Advanced airway management with the use of the laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA) and other advanced airway procedures for airway emergencies
- Analyse and initiate treatment for prescribed cardiac conditions and emergencies
- Initiate the treatment for a wide range of primary health conditions
- Suture minor wounds
- Conduct sick parades and treat a wide range of illness
- Treat chest decompression with invasive techniques
- Oxygen therapy with positive pressure ventilation
- Trained to assist in Endotracheal intubation
- Trained to participate as a resuscitation team member
- Can provide emergency Field dental care
- Prolonged or Recurrent Seizures
- Hypoglycaemia and Hyperglycaemia
- Diving (Scuba) illness/injuries
- The Emergency Management of the seriously ill casualty
- Emergency Childbirth and problem labours
- A wide range of emergency and primary health medications.
- Prepare health plans for commanders
- Spinal Cord Injury Assessment