

# State code 13: Unexploded ordnance

## Purpose statement

The purpose of this code is to ensure that a site identified as having **substantial unexploded ordnance (UXO)** potential is investigated and, where necessary, remediated so as to not place another part of the environment, or human health, at risk as a consequence of development.

### Using this code

The assessment benchmarks for this code comprise:

- a purpose statement which identifies the overall intent of the code;
- performance outcomes which set benchmarks to achieve the purpose statement of the code.

Development complies with the code where:

- it complies with all the performance outcomes; or
- development does not meet relevant performance outcome(s) and SARA determines, on balance, that the development complies with the purpose statement.

There are no acceptable outcomes for this code.

This code also includes the glossary of terms for definitions relevant to this code and reference documents; including guideline **Planning guidance – State code 13: Unexploded ordnance**, which provides direction on how to address this code.

## Performance outcomes

Table 13.1 All development

### Performance outcomes

**PO1** On a site that is identified as having **substantial UXO** potential, a contractor approved by the Australian Department of Defence has certified that:

1. the site identified as having **substantial UXO** potential has been remediated; or
2. the proposed use can be suitably managed on the site.

## Reference documents

Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, [Planning guidance – State code 13: Unexploded ordnance](#)

Australian Government, Department of Defence, [Unexploded Ordnance in Australia](#)

Note: The Australian Department of Defence will provide advice on the hazards associated with **UXO** to all Commonwealth, state and local government authorities and private organisations or individuals who request it. Defence is actively engaged in identifying areas where **UXO** are likely to be present. Members of the public can assist in this process. If you have any information that may be of assistance please contact [UXO@defence.gov.au](mailto:UXO@defence.gov.au).

## Glossary of terms

**Substantial unexploded ordnance (UXO)** means a site identified as having substantial UXO potential on the DA mapping system.

Note: The **DA mapping system** is available on the department's [website](#).

## Abbreviations

**UXO** – Unexploded ordnance