Task Assessment – MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS (Hand-cuffs)

Corrections Officer Name: _____
Date:_____

Introduction
Task assessment can be used to support the Competency Assessment and can be used as evident for the assessment of some Units.

Assessment Scale
Competent: Demonstrates skill at required job level, can perform task satisfactorily, accurately and with higher quality, without assistance or direction, and with acceptable speed.
Not Yet Competent: Requires further training or mentoring

Task Outline – (Mechanical restraints application)	**Assessment**		
1. TASK Hand cuffing	**Competent**	**Not Yet Competent**	**Initial**
Preparation for application of handcuffs: - The officer stands to the side of the inmate if cuffing the hands in front of the body - Behind while cuffing the hands behind the body - Holds the cuffs in their stronger hand, while holding the closed cuff with the check plates up and the keyway facing the officers' palm. - Holds the inmates wrist with the hand to apply the cuffs			
Procedures for applying Handcuffs: **Opening the handcuffs** To open the handcuffs, pushes on the blade through the cheek plates and the restraints open ready for application. **Locking the cuffs** -The officer presses down firmly on the restraint causing the blade of the cuff to press through the check plates -Tightens the cuffs so that it snugs and barely passes over the wrist area -Restraint is not too tight so as to allow blood circulation. -Double locks the handcuffs			
Double locking the cuffs Depresses the double lock pin utilizing the cuff keys to double lock actuator. After the pin depresses checks by pressing on the blade. **Removes the handcuffs by standing at the side of the inmate and removes the handcuffs closest to him.**			
Overall Rating			
Comments: **Supervisor/Assessors Signature**			