



JOURNALISTS AND OTHER WRITERS NEC

(ANZSCO Code: 212499)

Group B



About this document

- » The following Information Sheet is for your reference only and should be used as a guide to assist with your Skills Assessment application to VETASSESS. This information is subject to change.
- » Please note that a Skills Assessment of the qualification involves assessment of both the qualification level and content. Qualifications are assessed according to the guidelines published by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment.
- » The employment assessment involves determining the skill level and relevance of the tasks undertaken.
- » Integrity checks may be conducted to verify the qualification and employment claims made in an application.

Job description

Journalists and Other Writers research and compile news stories, write and edit news reports, commentaries and feature stories for presentation in print and electronic media, and compose written material to advertise goods and services.

This occupation group covers Journalists and Other Writers not elsewhere classified.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- » Blogger
- » Critic
- » Editorial Assistant
- » Photo Journalist
- » Vlogger

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- » Copywriter
- » Newspaper or Periodical Editor
- » Print Journalist
- » Radio Journalist
- » Television Journalist
- » Technical Writer
- » Author
- » Book or Script Editor

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO or are not at the required skill level.

Journalists and Other Writers nec is a VETASSESS Group B occupation












This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree or higher.

Applicants can fulfil the assessment criteria for this occupation in four different ways.



Qualification and employment criteria

Applicants must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1–4):

GROUP B	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment							
	Minimum comparable Bachelor or higher degree AQF level***		With highly relevant major field of study		Additional highly relevant qualifications*		Highly relevant employment duration**	
1		+		+	N/A		+	
2		+	No highly relevant major	+	 Minimum AQF Diploma level with highly relevant major		+	
3		+	No highly relevant major	+	No additional highly relevant qualifications		+	
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group B occupations								
	Highly relevant employment duration**		With or without highly relevant major field of study		Additional highly relevant qualifications*		Comparable Bachelor degree AQF level	
4		+		+	N/A		+	
	Within last 5 years							

* Additional qualifications in a highly relevant field of study include those comparable to the following levels:

- AQF Diploma
- AQF Advanced Diploma
- AQF Associate Degree or
- AQF Graduate Diploma

*** Bachelor degree or higher degree includes:

- AQF Master Degree or
- AQF Doctoral Degree

** Highly relevant paid employment duration (20 hours or more per week)

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minimum years of employment highly relevant to the nominated occupation, completed at an appropriate skill level in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment.

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minimum 6 years of relevant employment required – five years of relevant employment (can be outside the last 5-year period) in addition to at least one year of highly relevant employment within the last five years before applying.



Not Elsewhere Classified (nec)

Some occupations assessed by VETASSESS are listed as 'nec' which means 'not elsewhere classified'. If you are nominating one of these occupations, you must ensure that your qualifications and employment are highly relevant to one of the occupation titles given in the ANZSCO description for the particular occupation. Other specific occupation titles which cannot be found elsewhere in ANZSCO will be considered on a case-by-case basis as long as they are relevant to the 'nec' codes. In order to be assessed against an 'nec' code, your occupation would generally be described as non-classified, yet specialised or related to its ANZSCO Unit Group description.

Your employment in these nominated occupations should not better match another ANZSCO code (whether assessed by VETASSESS or not). When considering whether to nominate an 'nec' occupation, you should consider the sub major group description and determine whether your skills best fit this category.

VETASSESS conducts a case-by-case assessment to determine whether the employment can be considered highly relevant to the classification.

If your employment is highly relevant to another ANZSCO occupation, that period of employment cannot be assessed suitably against an 'nec' classification, regardless of whether the occupation is available for migration purposes or not. You should provide a cover letter that justifies the rationale for choosing an 'nec' category.

Qualification and employment criteria continued...

*If employment is prior to the completion of the qualification at the required level, an applicant must have at least one year of highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level within the last five years. The remaining five years of pre-qualifying period may be within the last ten years.

A positive assessment of both qualification level and employment duration is required for a positive Skills Assessment outcome.

Qualification

AQF Bachelor degree or higher degree. This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- » Journalism (the study of researching current affairs and events and other matters of interests and reporting them)

- » Media Studies (the study of the forms and effects of media including books, radio, film, television, photography, print, digital and electronic media)

- » Written Communication (the study of developing effective written communication skills).

Qualifications related to the nominated specialisation of Critic may be considered on a case-by-case basis if the employment is assessed as highly relevant. For example, critics may have qualifications relevant to the area of the creative arts they review – Dance, Drama, Fine Arts, Film Studies, Literature, Music or Theatre Studies.

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- » Determining an advertising approach by consulting clients and management, and studying products to establish principal selling features

- » Making decisions about the specific content of publications

- » Reviewing copy for publication to ensure conformity with accepted rules of grammar, style and format, coherence of story, and accuracy, legality and probity of content

- » Collecting and analysing facts about newsworthy events from interviews, printed matter, investigations and observations

- » Writing commentaries, articles and stories for presentation in print and digital channels

- » Critically discussing daily news topics in the editorial columns of newspapers and reviewing books, films and plays.



Employment information

Journalists and other writers research, compose, edit and present stories, feature articles and commentaries or opinion pieces. Writing activities may span a variety of media including print, digital, online publications, radio and television. Some writers need to have in-depth knowledge in their area of speciality.

Work is mobile and ranges from an office (at a media organisation, at home or on the road) across any of the environments from where the journalist gathers information.

This occupation belongs to ANZSCO Unit Group 2124 and covers Journalists and Other Writers that are not elsewhere classified in that Unit Group, or classified elsewhere in ANZSCO. Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code are:

Blogger

Keeps and updates a blog or weblog.

Critic

Judges the quality or merits of literary or artistic works and discusses their opinions in the media.

Editorial Assistant

Provides administrative and some editorial assistance to senior editorial staff during the commissioning, planning or production stages of the publication process.

Photo Journalist

Creates images in order to tell a news story.

Vlogger

Regularly posts short videos to a vlog (video blog or video log, referring to a type of blog where most or all of the content is in video form e.g. YouTube, Facebook).

Note: Copywriters, Newspaper or Periodical Editors, Radio Journalists, Television Journalists, Print Journalists - whether their work is published in print or online - are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO and will not be considered under this occupation.

Supporting Material for Assessment

When applying for a Skills Assessment, please ensure you submit sufficient evidence supporting your proof of identity, qualification and employment claims. A full list of the documents required can be found on the VETASSESS website under Eligibility Criteria.

You should provide a cover letter that justifies your rationale for choosing an 'nec' category.

If you are nominating this occupation and you are self-employed, you are required to provide the following:

- a) Evidence of self-employment such as sole trading or business registration details and/or official statements issued by your (registered) Accountant and/or legal team. The statement from your Accountant or Solicitor must include the Accountant's or Solicitor's letterhead, your full name, how long you have been continuously self-employed, including official dates in each role, the nature of the business conducted, and the signature and contact details of the Accountant or Solicitor.
- b) A statutory declaration listing your main duties during self-employment.
- c) Payment evidence showing regular income from self-employment, such as client invoices together with corresponding bank statements and/or official taxation records.
- d) Supplementary evidence, such as contracts with clients or suppliers, client testimonials, evidence of projects completed, etc.



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