

Information sheet



PIG FARMER

(ANZSCO Code: 121318)

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

A Pig Farmer plans, organises, controls, coordinates and performs farming operations to breed and raise pigs for meat and breeding stock.

Occupations considered under this ANZSCO code:

- » Pig Breeder
- » Pig Farm Manager

Occupations in ANZSCO Unit Group 1213 Livestock Farmers are closely related.

Pig Farmer 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.














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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	+  1 YEAR minimum
2	 +	No highly relevant major	+  Minimum AQF Diploma level with highly relevant major	+  2 YEARS minimum
3	 +	No highly relevant major	+ No additional highly relevant qualifications	+  3 YEARS minimum
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	 +  Within last 5 years	+ N/A	+ N/A	+ 

* 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.



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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*

Highly relevant fields of study include, **Agriculture, Animal Science & Husbandry, Biology, Pig Breeding, Pork Production, Veterinary Science.**

*This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- » Breeding and raising livestock to produce meat

- » Monitoring and maintaining the health and condition of livestock

- » Providing pastures, feed and fodder to maintain appropriate nutritional levels

- » Moving livestock to optimise feeding opportunities

- » Organising and conducting farming operations such as catching, drenching and milking livestock, sterilising machines, and collecting, grading and packaging produce

- » Directing and overseeing general farming activities such as maintaining pens, sheds and cages, fertilising, controlling pests and weeds, and growing fodder

- » Maintaining fences, equipment and water supply systems

- » Organising the sale, purchase and transportation of livestock and produce

- » Maintaining and evaluating records of farming activities, monitoring market activity and planning production accordingly

- » Managing business capital including budgeting, taxation, debt and loan management

- » May select, train and supervise staff and contractors

Employment information

A Pig Farmer is involved in all on-farm operations for the business. This includes animal health, facilities, maintenance, staffing, supply chain, processing and administration.

Although an applicant may not be fully responsible for the financial and capital workings of a producer, they should be involved and knowledgeable in this area.

Positions which predominately involve tasks such as feeding livestock or animals will not be considered under this occupation. These are covered elsewhere under ANZSCO Unit Groups 8412, 8415 and 8416 which include Crop Farm Workers, Livestock Farm Workers and Mixed Crop and Livestock Farm Workers.

