

Rehabilitation Counsellor

ANZSCO: 272114

Group A

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.
- 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

Assists physically, mentally and socially disadvantaged people to reintegrate into work and the community.

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Drug and Alcohol Counsellor

Rehabilitation Counsellor is a VETASSESS Group A occupation

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

GROUP A	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment				
	Comparable Bachelor degree AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Relevant employment duration		
1		+		+	
Pre-qualification methodology does not apply to Group A occupations					

The information below describes the available pathways for a Skills Assessment under **Group A**. Please note that in order to achieve a suitable Skills Assessment Outcome, a suitable assessment for both qualifications and employment is required.

Pathway 1

This pathway requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the education level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree or higher degree and in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Bachelor degree or higher degree includes AQF Master Degree or AQF Doctoral Degree.

In addition, it is essential for applicants to meet the following employment criteria:

- at least **one** year of post-qualification employment at an appropriate skill level, undertaken in the last five years,
- working 20 hours or more per week, and
- highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Qualification

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Rehabilitation Counselling / Rehabilitation Studies / Rehabilitation Science
- Behavioural Science
- Psychology

Qualifications in Allied Health disciplines and Nursing would not usually meet the requirements.

Employment Criteria

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Consulting with clients to develop rehabilitation plans, taking account of vocational and social needs

Additional tasks may include:

- Consults with clients to develop rehabilitation plans taking account of vocational, social, medical and psychological needs
- Assists clients with employment placement and matters relating to education and training, through negotiation with community agencies, employers, unions, education and training authorities, government representatives and insurance companies
- Provides information and advisory services to organisations assisting the disadvantaged
- Refers clients for medical examinations, psychological or psychiatric evaluation and vocational assessment
- Evaluates the effectiveness of resettlement and recommends further action

