

# Zoologist

ANZSCO: 234518

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

A Zoologist studies the anatomy, physiology, characteristics, ecology, behaviour and environments of animals.

## Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:




- Entomologist
- Mammologist
- Ornithologist

# Zoologist 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.

Applicants must also have at least one year of highly relevant, post-qualification employment, at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years.

A positive assessment of both qualifications and employment is required for a positive skills assessment outcome.

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

\* 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

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

One year of post-qualification paid employment (20 hours or more per week) highly relevant to the nominated occupation, at an appropriate skill level in the last five years before the date of application for a skills assessment

## Qualification

This occupation 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.

Zoology is the scientific study and understanding of animals. It covers the structure and function, behaviour, classification, evolution, conservation, distribution, ecology and natural history of animals.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Studies and performs experiments to identify species and gather data on growth, nutrition, reproduction, prey and predators
- Studies the development and functions of animals
- Devises methods of population control, especially of vermin and pests
- Develops programs to increase or manage the population of wild animals and animals in captivity
- Undertakes surveys of fauna and prepares reports for management agencies
- Prepares or supervises the preparation of laboratory reports and scientific papers
- Supervises and coordinates the work of technical officers and technicians
- Lectures at universities and TAFE institutes
- Participates in wildlife awareness programs for the public

- Designing and conducting experiments, making observations and measurements, researching information, analysing data, preparing or supervising the preparation of laboratory reports and scientific papers, presenting findings at scientific meetings and conferences, and supervising the work of staff
- Investigating the interrelationships between animals in their natural surroundings, in captivity and in laboratories

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.

Please note in order to achieve a successful Skills Assessment Outcome, a positive assessment for both qualifications and employment is required.

## Employment Criteria

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:



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