

Poultry Farmer

ANZSCO: 121321

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.
- 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












Plans, organises, controls, coordinates and performs farming operations to breed and raise chickens, turkeys, ducks and other poultry for eggs, meat and breeding stock.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Poultry Farm Manager

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

GROUP B		Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment							
Post-qualification Pathways									
	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 Pathway									
	Highly relevant employment duration***				Minimum comparable Bachelor or higher degree AQF level*				
4		+	 Within last 5 years	+	With or without highly relevant major field of study		+		

*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.

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

- > AQF Diploma or 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)

1-3 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.

4 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.

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

Qualification

AQF Bachelor Degree or higher

Animal/Livestock Science, Veterinary Science, Agriculture Science

Employment Criteria

One year of highly relevant employment completed in the last five years at an appropriate skill level to the nominated occupation. In addition to this, applicants must have at least one year of employment at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years which is highly relevant to the nominated occupation. If the degree is in an unrelated field of study, three years of highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level will be required. This is reduced to two years if there is an additional qualification at least at AQF Diploma level in a highly relevant field. This is not applicable for applicants who are applying for a Skills Assessment to support an application for a 485 Skilled Graduate visa.

Highly relevant Tasks

- Breeding and maintaining livestock for the production of meat, eggs and breeding stock
- Monitoring and maintaining the health and condition of livestock
- Providing pastures and fodder to maintain appropriate nutritional levels
- Moving livestock to optimise feeding opportunities
- Organising and conducting farming operations such as catching and drenching livestock, and collecting, grading and packing 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

