

Ambulance Officer

ANZSCO: 411111

Group C

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

Provides specialised transport services and emergency health care for injured, sick, infirm and aged persons.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

Patient Transport Officer












Ambulance Officer is a VETASSESS Group C occupation

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

In addition to this, applicants must have at least one year of post-qualification employment at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years in a field which is highly relevant to the nominated occupation. If employment is not post-qualification, then three additional years of highly relevant employment are required.

If the qualification is not in a highly relevant field, two years of employment at an appropriate skill level, completed in the last five years which is highly relevant to the nominated occupation is required. This is reduced to one year if there is an additional qualification at least at AQF Certificate IV level in a highly relevant field.

A positive assessment of both qualifications and employment is required for a positive Skills Assessment Outcome.

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

Qualification

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

Ambulance Officer / Paramedic:

- Paramedicine
- Paramedic Science / Paramedical Science (Ambulance)
- Paramedic Practice

Patient Transport Officer:

- Certificate IV in Health Care (HLT41115)

Employment Criteria

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- 1 attending accidents, emergencies and requests for medical assistance
- 2 assessing health of patients, determining need for assistance, and assessing specialised needs and factors affecting patients' conditions
- 3 performing therapies and administering drugs according to protocol
- 4 resuscitating and defibrillating patients and operating life-support equipment
- 5 transporting accident victims to medical facilities
- 6 transporting sick and disabled persons to and from medical facilities for specialised treatment and rehabilitation
- 7 instructing community groups and essential service workers in first aid
- 8 attending public gatherings and sporting events where accidents and other health emergencies may occur
- 9 ensuring that ambulances are adequately maintained and stocked with medical supplies, and that equipment is in good working order
- 10 preparing written reports on the state of patients' injuries and treatment provided

Additional tasks may include

- 1 Attends accidents and emergencies
- 2 Assesses health of patients and determines need for assistance
- 3 Liaises with hospital staff about patients' condition
- 4 Provides pre-hospital care and transports patients to medical facilities
- 5 Resuscitates patients and operates life-support equipment
- 6 Administers drugs according to protocol
- 7 Transports sick and disabled persons to and from centres of specialised treatment or rehabilitation
- 8 Instructs community groups and essential service workers in first aid
- 9 Attends public gatherings and sporting events where accidents and other health emergencies may occur
- 10 May consult with medical and emergency professionals about type of care and assistance

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.

If the qualification is not in a highly relevant field, then the applicant must have:

- two years of post-qualification employment experience 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.

This is reduced to one year if there is an additional qualification at least at AQF Certificate IV level in a highly relevant field.

If employment has occurred before completion of qualification, then three years of highly relevant employment experience are required in addition to at least one year of highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level in the last five years.

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

Ambulance Officers (Paramedics) provide specialised transport services and emergency health care for injured, sick, infirm and aged person (ANZSCO).

Highly relevant fields of study would include a major focus in Paramedicine and Paramedic Science.

A specialisation under this occupation is Patient Transport Officer, who provides non-emergency health care and patient transport services.

