VETASSESS

Information sheet

Animal Attendants and Trainers nec

ANZSCO: 361199 **Group F**

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.

Animal Attendants and Trainers nec is a VETASSESS Group F Occupation

Applicants must have fulfilled at least one of the following three criteria (1-3)

GROUP F	Criteria for a suitable Skills Assessment				
	Minimum comparable Certificate II or higher AQF level		With highly relevant major field of study		Highly relevant employment duration**
1	AQF	+		+	1 YEAR minimum
2	AQF	+	No highly relevant major	+	2 YEARS minimum
	Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group F occupations				
	Relevant employment duration**		With or without highly relevant major field of study		Minimum Certificate II or higher AQF level
3	3 YEARS minimum + 1 YEAR minimum Within last 5 years	+	N/A	+	AQF

Description of Pathways

The information below describes the available pathways for a Skills Assessment under **Group F**. 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) Certificate II or higher and in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Certificate II or higher includes AQF Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or 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.

Pathway 2

This pathway requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the education level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate II or higher and in a field not highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Certificate II or higher includes AQF Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or Doctoral Degree.

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

- at least **two** years 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.

Pathway 3

This pathway requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the education level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate II or higher with or without a highly relevant major field of study to the nominated occupation.

Certificate II or higher includes AQF Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or Doctoral Degree.

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

- at least **four** years of employment at an appropriate skill level that includes at least **one** year of highly relevant employment within the last five years before applying,
- working 20 hours or more per week, and
- highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Qualification

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

Employment Criteria

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.

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.

Professions currently listed in ANZSCO Unit Group 3611 for Animal Attendants and Trainers include 361111 Dog Trainer or Handler, 361112 Horse Trainer, 361113 Pet Groomer, 361114 Zookeeper and 361115 Kennel Hand. Animal Attendants and Trainers train, feed, groom and care for animals. This occupation group covers Animal Attendants and Trainers not elsewhere classified (ANZSCO). Occupations in this group include, but are not limited to, Animal Trainer and Animal Welfare Officer.

For employment that is similar in nature or expertise to other occupations listed within a Unit Group, but not elsewhere classified in ANZSCO, applicants can consider an nec classification. For nec occupations, VETASSESS conducts a case-by-case assessment to determine whether the employment can be considered highly relevant to the classification. However, if an applicant's employment is highly relevant to another ANZSCO occupation, the same period of employment cannot be assessed suitably against an nec classification, regardless of whether the occupation is available for migration purposes or not.

Highly relevant fields of study would include a major focus in an area that is highly relevant to the subsequent not elsewhere classified (nec) employment.

Applicants should provide a cover letter that justifies the rationale for choosing an nec category.

For visa-related requirements including caveats that may apply for certain occupations, please visit the **Department of Home Affairs website**.