

# Archaeologist

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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

Studies human activity in the past, primarily through the recovery and analysis of the material culture and environmental data left behind, which includes artifacts, architecture, biofacts and cultural landscapes (the archaeological record)

# Archaeologist 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 <b>A</b>	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					

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:

- Archaeology

## Employment Criteria

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Organising, authenticating, evaluating and interpreting archaeological data
- Undertaking historical and cultural research into human activity, and preparing and presenting research findings
- Studies past cultures through artefacts, or items which people have made, used or modified
- Investigates sites and artefacts to answer a specific research question or to save cultural resources from destruction, either from human or natural forces.
- Strives to investigate and preserve the finite and fragile clues of former cultures in order for us to understand our link to the past.
- Examines excavated objects to learn how and when they were made and used.

