

Gallery or Museum Curator

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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 and organises a gallery or museum collection by drafting collection policies and arranging acquisitions of pieces.

Gallery or Museum Curator is a 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 must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1–4):

Qualification and employment criteria

Qualification

Curatorial or Museum Studies is the study of locating, identifying, assessing, collecting, conserving and exhibiting cultural heritage resources in museum and gallery collections.

Degrees in Fine Arts may be acceptable, however, programs with applied orientation may not be highly relevant.

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.

Employment Criteria

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- › Drafts collection policies, arranges acquisitions and collects objects
- › Liaises with other curators to arrange special exhibitions
- › Organises and prepares displays including travelling or loan exhibitions
- › Initiates and maintains research programs, and assists other professionals on request
- › Supervises support staff and organises administrative duties associated with the use and care of the collections
- › May lecture and write about the collections and answer public inquiries
- › May be a museum education officer whose role is to develop educational programs for museum visitors
- › Ensures that ethical standards, protocols and cultural sensitivities are applied and safeguarded
- › Identifies and classifies specimens and objects, and arranges restoration work
- › Examines items and arranges examinations to determine condition and authenticity

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:

- › three 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 two years if there is an additional qualification at least at AQF Diploma level in a highly relevant field.

If employment has occurred before completion of qualification, then five 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.

