

Television Journalist

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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

Television Journalist collects and analyses facts about newsworthy events by interview, investigation and observation and writes stories for television news or current affairs programs.












Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Television Reporter

Television Journalist 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 must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1–4):

GROUP B	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment			
	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	+ 	1 YEAR minimum
2	 + No highly relevant major	+ 	+ 	2 YEARS minimum
3	 + No highly relevant major	+ No additional highly relevant qualifications	+ 	3 YEARS minimum
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group B occupations				
	Highly relevant employment duration**	With or without highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications*	Comparable Bachelor degree AQF level
4	 + 	+ N/A	+ N/A	+ 
	Within last 5 years			

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

- > AQF Diploma
- > 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)

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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.

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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.

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

Qualification

- Media Studies is the study of the forms and effects of media including books, radio, film, television, photography, print, digital and electronic media.
- Journalism is the study of researching current affairs and events and other matters of interest and reporting on them.

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

Relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Researches and compiles stories for television news and current affairs programs
- Interviews people and observes events to obtain and verify facts and to develop leads for news items
- Takes notes and reads publicity releases, copies of speeches or similar material to facilitate organisation and writing of story
- Writes to meet deadlines, referring to reference books, newspaper files or other sources to secure additional facts
- Submits news stories for approval
- Reads and evaluates news reports and suggestions for future stories
- Assesses the suitability of reports and articles for broadcasting, within an established style and format, and edits as necessary
- Collecting and analysing facts about newsworthy events from interviews, printed matter, investigations and observations
- Writing news reports, commentaries, articles and feature stories for television on topics of public interest

