VETASSESS

Information sheet

# Photographer's Assistant

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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.

## Job description

Photographer's Assistant assists Photographers in taking and developing photographs.

# Photographer's Assistant 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 | | | | |
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| | 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.

For example, an applicant for the occupation Program or Project Administrator completed a non-relevant AQF Diploma qualification in April 2024 and later completed an AQF Certificate IV in Project Management in May 2026. The applicant commenced employment with the organisation in May 2024 and remains employed there.

Under Pathway 2, the applicant satisfies the minimum educational requirement for a Group C occupation through the AQF Diploma qualification. Accordingly, employment is counted from the completion date of the Diploma qualification, meaning employment from May 2024 onwards may be considered toward both the required Qualifying Period (QP) and any remaining eligible period for the points test.

As the later Certificate IV qualification is highly relevant to the occupation, the applicant may access the reduced employment requirement applicable under Pathway 2. In this case, only one year of QP is required, and that employment may be counted from the post-Diploma period rather than from the Certificate IV qualification completion date.

## 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

Photography is the study of composing, taking, developing, printing, enlarging and presenting photographs for creative and practical purposes.

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

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Assists Photographers in taking and developing photographs.

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.