

# Plumbing Inspector

ANZSCO: 312115

Group C

## 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

Plumbing Inspector inspects plumbing work to ensure compliance with relevant standards and regulations.












## Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Drainage Inspector
- Gas Plumbing Inspector
- Sanitary Plumbing and Water Supply Inspector

# Plumbing Inspector is a VETASSESS Group C occupation

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma or higher.

Applicants must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1-4):

GROUP C	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment			
Post-qualification Pathways				
	Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications	Highly relevant employment duration
1	 +	 +	N/A	
2	 +	No highly relevant major	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV level with highly relevant major	
3	 +	No highly relevant major	No additional highly relevant qualifications	
Pre-qualification Pathway				
	Highly Relevant employment duration			Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level
4	 +  Within last 5 years		With or without highly relevant major field of study	

## Description of Pathways

The information below describes the available pathways for a Skills Assessment under **Group C**. Please note that in order to achieve a successful 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) Diploma or higher and in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Diploma or higher includes AQF 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) Diploma or higher and in a field not highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Diploma or higher includes AQF Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or Doctoral Degree.

An additional qualification in a highly relevant field of study at a minimum AQF Certificate IV level is required. Additional qualifications in a highly relevant field of study include those comparable to the AQF Certificate IV.

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 3

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

Diploma or higher includes AQF 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 4

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

Diploma or higher includes AQF 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

Plumbing and Services (plumbing stream) is the study of the design and management of plumbing services and the study of related advanced technical skills for experienced professionals in those fields.

Plumbing as a trade discipline includes water (including sanitary and drainage) and gas-related services to buildings and other structures.

Relevant field of study includes (but are not limited to):

- Plumbing
- Building Services

Plumbing is the study of designing, installing, maintaining and repairing pipelines, fixtures, fittings and related equipment for water, steam, gas, sewage and other liquids in residential, public commercial and industrial establishments.

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## Employment Criteria

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Inspecting work and materials for compliance with specifications, regulations and standards

Additional tasks may include:

- Interpret plumbing specifications, regulations and codes of practice
- Inspect plumbing works in progress to ensure compliance with plans, specifications and regulations, and that proper techniques and materials are used
- Maintain records of plumbing progress and departures from design drawings or specifications
- Provide advice to consumers and tradespersons
- Assess plumbing specifications submitted for approval
- May inspect existing plumbing to assess condition
- Test lines as required by local plumbing regulations

