VETASSESS

Information sheet

Apiarist/Beekeeper

ANZSCO: 121311 **Group D**

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, organises, controls, coordinates and operates apiaries to produce honey, queen bee pollen, beeswax and royal jelly, breed queen bees and pollinate crops.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

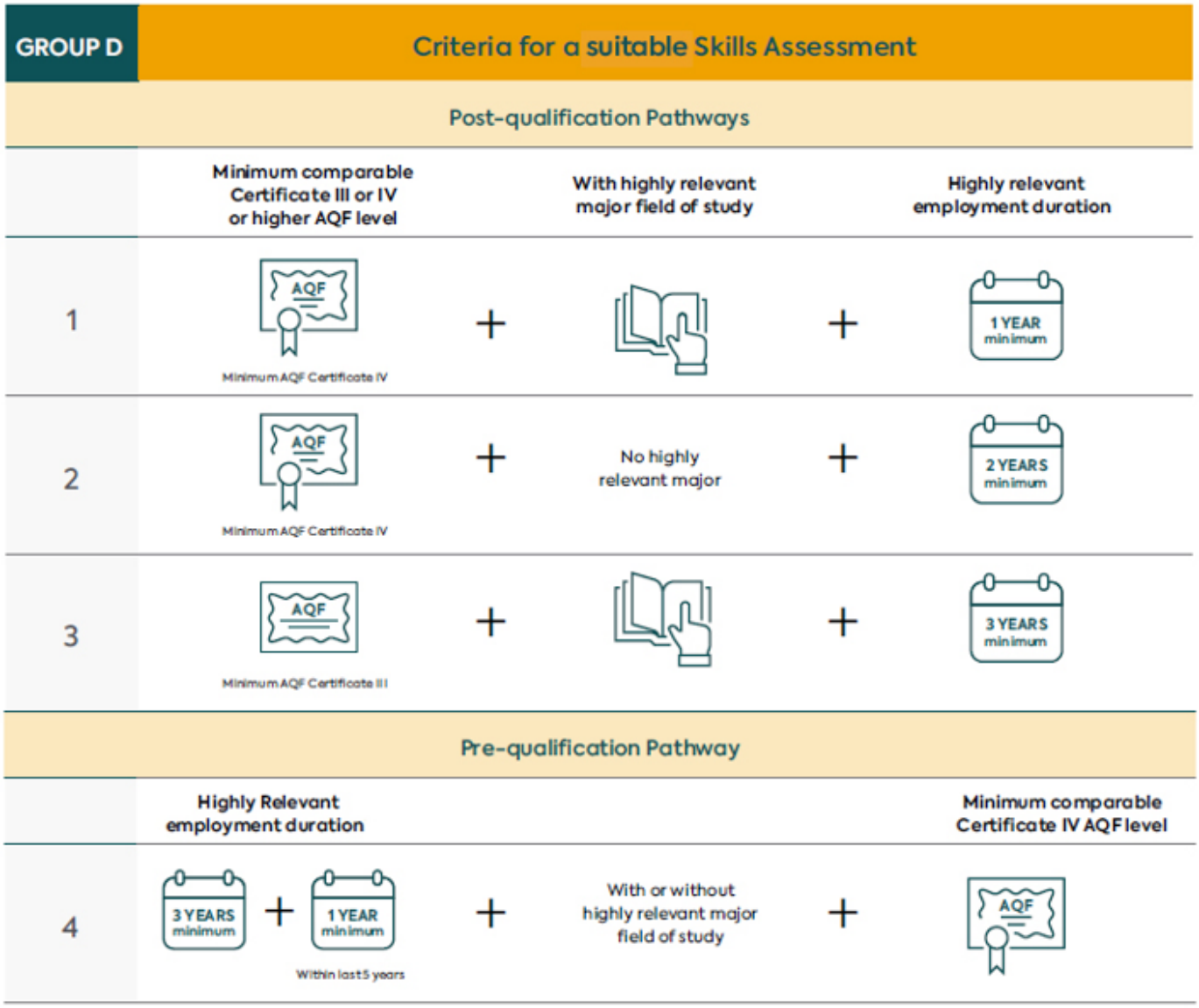
- Bee Farmer
- Honey Producer

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Mixed Crop and Livestock Farm Workers
- Livestock Farm Workers
- Crop Farm Workers

Apiarist/Beekeeper is a VETASSESS Group B occupation

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate IV or higher. Applicants can fulfil the assessment criteria for this occupation in one of four ways.



Description of Pathways

The information below describes the available pathways for a Skills Assessment under**Group D**. Please note that in order to achieve a suitable Skills Assessment Outcome, a positive 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 IV or higher and in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation. Certificate IV or higher includes AQF 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.

Please note - the qualification level requirement AQF Certificate IV or higher can be satisfied by one qualification, while the requirement for a highly relevant major can be met by a separate qualification at a minimum of AQF Certificate III level.

Pathway 2

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

Qualification

Highly relevant major fields of study include Beekeeping, Intensive Agriculture, Animal Science, Zoology and Entomology.

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Breeding and raising bees for the production of honey, queen bee pollen, beeswax and royal jelly, breed queen bees and pollinate crops;
- Overseeing and undertaking breeding, feeding and nutrition programs;
- Organising the sale, purchase and transportation of bees and produce;
- Maintaining and evaluating records of farming activities, monitoring market activity and planning production accordingly;
- Managing business capital including budgeting, taxation, debt and loan management.

Additional tasks may include:

- May select, train and supervise staff and contractors;
- Overseeing data collection and analysis and farm technology systems;
- Monitoring and maintaining the health, welfare and condition of bees, including developing and overseeing strategies to manage biosecurity and other risks.

Employment information

Beekeepers, also known as Apiarists, are managers of beehives. They oversee the production of honey and related products (such as beeswax, pollen and royal jelly).

Beekeepers are usually individuals who enjoy physical work, being outdoors, as well as taking an interest in plants and insects. Being able to work independently and being willing to travel long distances (moving hives and transporting live bees) is an important part of the role. Most Beekeepers work in agriculture, forestry, manufacturing or commercial industries. Licensing and/or registration may be required in certain states or territories.

When applying for a Skills Assessment, please ensure you submit sufficient evidence supporting proof of identity, qualification and employment claims. A full list of the documents required can be found on the VETASSESS website under Eligibility Criteria. For this occupation, you must also submit a completed farm list or portfolio.