

# Diver

ANZSCO: 399911

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

A diver swims underwater to undertake tasks such as seafood gathering, research, salvage and construction.

## Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Onshore Diver
- Offshore Diver
- Saturation Diver
- Scientific Diver
- Aquaculture Diver (Abalone Diver, Fisheries Diver, Pearl Diver)
- Aquarium Diver
- Defence Force Diver (Clearance Diver (Navy), Police Diver, Army Diver)
- Hyperbaric Welder Diver

## Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

Diving Instructor (Open Water)












These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO or are not at the required skill level.

## Diver is a VETASSESS Group D Occupation

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

### Qualification and employment criteria

Applicants must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1-5):

GROUP D	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment				
Post-qualification Pathways					
	Minimum comparable Certificate III or IV or higher AQF level		With highly relevant major field of study		Highly relevant employment duration
1	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV	+		+	
2	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV	+	No highly relevant major	+	
3	 Minimum AQF Certificate III	+		+	
Pre-qualification Pathway					
	Highly Relevant employment duration				Minimum comparable Certificate IV 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 D**. Please note that in order to achieve a successful 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 to 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) Certificate 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

## Qualification

This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level. Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Hyperbaric Operations

A current ADAS Diver Card will substitute for a formal qualification.

ADAS (Australian Diver Accreditation Scheme) is the world's foremost international commercial/occupational diver certification agency. For more information on an ADAS certification, applicants can contact ADAS directly: <https://adas.org.au/adas-cards-explained/>  
<https://adas.org.au/international-military-equivalents/>

## Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

Perform work underwater such as construction, inspection, seafood gathering, research, salvage, etc

## Supporting material for assessment

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.

