VETASSESS

Information sheet

Forester / Forest Scientist

ANZSCO: 234113

Group A

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

Forester / Forest Scientist studies, develops and manages forest areas to maintain commercial and recreational uses, conserve flora and fauna, and protect against fire, pests and diseases.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

> Forestry Adviser
> Forestry Consultant

Forester / Forest Scientist is a VETASSESS Group A occupation

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree or higher, in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Applicants must also have at least one year of highly relevant, post-qualification employment, at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years.

A positive assessment of both qualifications and employment is required for a positive Skills Assessment Outcome.

Qualification and employment criteria

Qualification

Forestry Studies is the study of establishing, cultivating, harvesting and managing forests.

Majors in this field include:

> Forestry / Forest Management
> Agroforestry
> Environmental Science (major dependent)
> Natural Resources
> Ecology
> Earth Systems
> Conservation

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

One year of highly relevant employment completed in the last five years at an appropriate skill level to the nominated occupation.

Highly relevant tasks may include:

> managing forest resources to maximise their long-term commercial, recreational and environmental benefits for the community
> studying the propagation and culture of forest trees, methods for improving the growth of stock, and the effects of thinning on forest yields
> preparing plans for reforestation and devising efficient harvesting systems
> investigating, planning and implementing management procedures to cope with the effects of fires, floods, droughts, soil erosion, insect pests and diseases