VETASSESS

Information sheet

Respiratory Scientist

ANZSCO: 234612

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

Respiratory Scientists conduct lung function tests to support the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory and sleep disorders, in consultation with other medical professionals.

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

Medical Laboratory Scientist

Respiratory 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.

GROUP A	Criteria for a suitable Skills Assessment		
	Comparable Bachelor degree AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Relevant employment duration
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Pre-qualification methodology does not apply to Group A occupations			

The information below describes the available pathways for a Skills Assessment under**Group A**. 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) Bachelor degree or higher degree and in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Bachelor degree or higher degree includes AQF Master Degree or AQF 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.

Qualification

Focus areas include:

- Medicine
- Clinical studies
- Respiratory Science
- Human biology
- Life Science

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- developing techniques to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and respiratory or sleep disorders
- advising medical practitioners on the interpretation of tests and methods used in diagnosis and treatment
- setting up the steps and rules of medical testing
- operating and maintaining laboratory and testing equipment
- maintaining laboratory and testing quality assurance and safety standards
- preparing scientific papers and reports

Employment information

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