VETASSESS

Information sheet

Health Promotion Officer

ANZSCO: 251911

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

Health Promotion Officers assist health and community groups to improve the health of individuals and the community by raising awareness of healthy lifestyles, disease and disability, and other health-related issues.

Alternative Titles:

- Community Health Worker
- Health Educator

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Asthma Educator
- Diabetes Educator
- Childbirth Educator

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Health Diagnostic and Promotion Professionals nec
- Genetic Counsellor
- Orthotist or Prosthetist

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

Health Promotion Officer 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

This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

A major in medicine or health science may be considered on a case-by-case basis taking into account the subjects undertaken and relevance of post qualification employment. Subjects would include Public Health, Health Policy, Environmental Health, Health Data Science, Social Health, Communicable Diseases, Cultural Health Policies, Epidemiology, Health Education and Promotion.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Health Promotion
- Public Health

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Developing communication objectives in relation to health issues.
- Identifying the audience most at need or risk and establishing the most appropriate method to reach that audience.
- Preparing publicity and/or presentations on health issues.
- Writing material to assist in the promotion of health issues.
- Giving presentations to community groups on health issues to increase public awareness.
- Setting up displays on health issues.

Additional tasks may include:

- Assisting community groups in the planing, developing, maintaining and evaluating of community resources, programs and support networks.
- Researching, analysing and assisting council, town planning, corporate planning and environmental health departments to develop community service policies.
- Carrying out administrative work, which may include written correspondence, preparing submissions and reports for government bodies or other agencies and attending management meetings.
- Raising awareness of healthy lifestyles, disease and disability, and other health-related issues.

Employment Information

Generally the Health Promotion Officer assists health and community groups to improve the health of individuals and the community. Health Promotion Officers are often employed in local, state and federal government, not-for-profit organisations, health agencies and community services institutes

- An Asthma Educator offers education and support about asthma to both adults and children. This includes support around understanding asthma, what causes asthma or makes it worse, how to use medications and what to do in an emergency.
- A Diabetes Educator specialises in providing diabetes self-management education for people with diabetes. This includes explaining diabetes and providing individualised advice on how to get blood glucose levels within the appropriate target range, and organising tests and screenings for diabetes complications.
- A Childbirth educator offers evidence-based, unbiased information about the physiology of birth to expectant parents. The primary objective of the Childbirth Educator is to equip families with the knowledge and skills to evaluate all their options as pregnancy and labor progress, and how to find their voice in the decision-making process.

Supporting material for assessment

When applying for a Skills Assessment, please ensure you submit sufficient evidence supporting your proof of identity, qualification and employment claims. A full list of the documents required can be found on the VETASSESS website under Eligibility Criteria.