VETASSESS

Information sheet

Naturopath

ANZSCO: 252213

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

Naturopaths treat internal health problems, metabolic disorders and imbalances through treatment of the whole person using natural therapies.

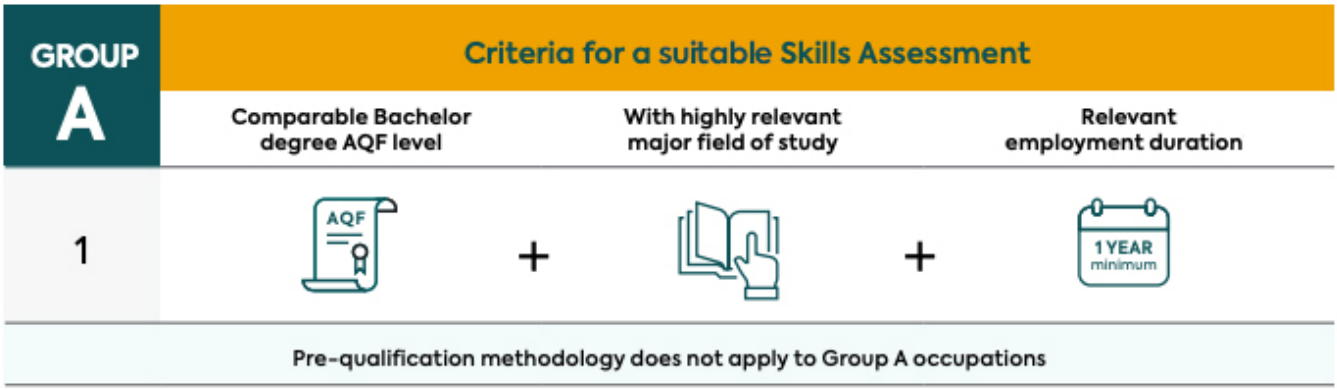
Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Homoeopath
- Ayurvedic Practitioner

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

Naturopath 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.



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 occupation requires a qualification in Naturopathy or Naturopathic Medicine.

Homeopathy and Ayurvedic Medicine/Ayurveda cannot be assessed as highly relevant to Naturopath.

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

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- Assessing patients to determine the nature of the disorder, illness, problem or need by questioning, examining and observing;
- Developing and implementing treatment plans;
- Evaluating and documenting patients' progress through treatment plans;
- Providing dietary and lifestyle advice and guidelines;
- Prescribing natural medicines, such as herbal, mineral and animal extracts, to stimulate the body's capacity for self-healing.

Employment information

Naturopaths combine medical knowledge with a non-invasive therapeutic approach to health emphasising disease prevention, wellness and self-healing. Homoeopaths cannot be considered under this occupation as it is classified as a different occupation, of Homoeopath 252212.

Nor can the occupation of Ayurvedic Practitioner be considered under this occupation as it is classified under the occupation of Complementary Health Therapist nec 252299. Naturopaths mainly work in Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, and Manufacturing industries.