VETASSESS

Information sheet

Orthoptist

ANZSCO: 251412

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

Orthoptists diagnose and manage eye movement disorders and associated sensory deficiencies.

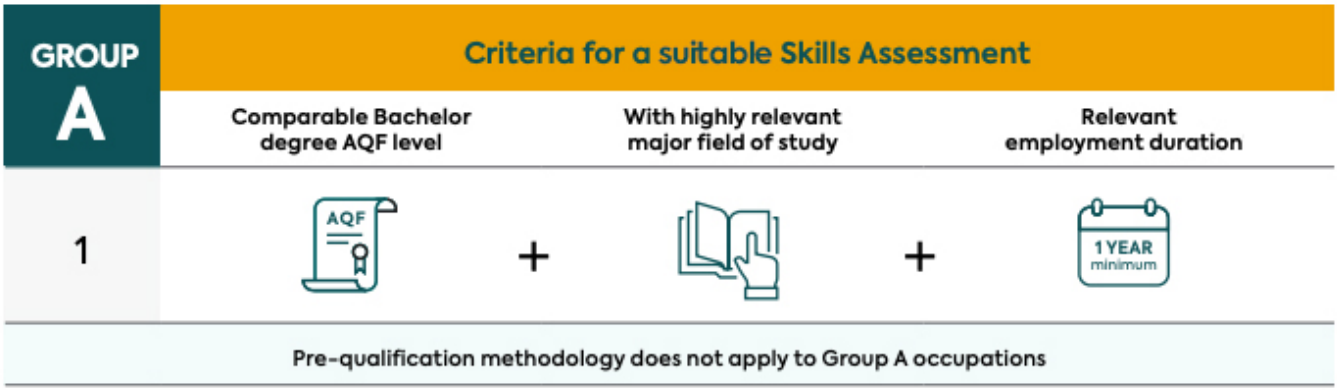
Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Optometrist
- Ophthalmologist

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

Orthoptist 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 Orthoptics.

Optometry and Ophthalmology are considered as not highly relevant to the occupation of Orthoptist.

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

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- Assessing ocular health and visual function by measuring visual acuity and refractive error, and testing the function of visual pathways, visual fields, eye movements, freedom of vision and intraocular pressure, and performing other tests using special eye test equipment;
- Diagnosing eye movement disorders and defects of binocular function;
- Prescribing exercises to coordinate movement and focusing of eyes;
- Managing programs for eye movement disorders, and instructing and counselling patients in the use of corrective techniques and eye exercises;
- Conducting preventative screening programs;
- Conducting rehabilitation programs for the visually impaired.

Employment information

Orthoptists are university-trained, allied health care practitioners who specialise in disorders of eye movements and diagnostic procedures related to disorders of the eye and visual system. Orthoptists offer assessment and management of various ocular and vision disorders. Orthoptists work in a range of settings, including hospitals, private practices, low vision and rehabilitation settings, community health areas, clinical research centres, universities and within the ophthalmic sales industry. Ophthalmologist cannot be considered under this occupation as it is classified as ANZSCO code 253914 Ophthalmologist.