VETASSESS

Information sheet

Judicial and Other Legal Professionals nec

ANZSCO: 271299 **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

Judicial and Other Legal Professionals interpret, analyse, administer and provide advice on the law, and draft legislation.

This occupation group covers Judicial and Other Legal Professionals not elsewhere classified.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Family Court Registrar
- Family Law Mediator
- Judicial Registrar
- Legal Officer
- Legal Researcher
- Parliamentary Counsel

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Barrister
- Solicitor
- Legal Executive
- Legal Secretary
- Judge
- Magistrate
- Tribunal Member
- Intellectual Property Lawyer
- Conveyancer

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

Judicial and Other Legal Professionals nec 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.

Not Elsewhere Classified (nec)

Some occupations assessed by VETASSESS are listed as 'nec' which means 'not elsewhere classified'. If you are nominating one of these occupations, you must ensure that your qualifications and employment are highly relevant to one of the occupation titles given in the ANZSCO description for the particular occupation. Other specific occupation titles which cannot be found elsewhere in ANZSCO will be considered on a case by-case basis as long as they are relevant to the 'nec' codes. In order to be assessed against an 'nec' code, your occupation would generally be described as non-classified, yet specialised or related to its ANZSCO Unit Group description.

Your employment in these nominated occupations should not better match another ANZSCO code (whether assessed by VETASSESS or not). When considering whether to nominate an 'nec' occupation, you should consider the sub major group description and determine whether your skills best fit this category.

VETASSESS conducts a case-by-case assessment to determine whether the employment can be considered highly relevant to the classification.

If your employment is highly relevant to another ANZSCO occupation, that period of employment cannot be assessed suitably against an 'nec' classification, regardless of whether the occupation is available for migration purposes or not. You should provide a cover letter that justifies the rationale for choosing an 'nec' category.

Qualification

This occupation requires a qualification in:

- Law
- Legal Studies

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

Qualifications related to the nominated specialisation may be considered on a case-by-case basis if the employment is assessed as highly relevant.

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Researching statutes and previous court decisions relevant to cases.
- Providing written opinions on points of law.
- Monitoring and managing all legal affairs within an organisation.
- Preparing legislation that is proposed to pass into law.

Employment information

Judicial and Other Legal Professionals may work in a range of organisations, such as private companies, courts, regulatory bodies, corporations and government organisations. This occupation is within the ANZSCO 'Legal Professionals' minor group. For a positive outcome, applicants must be able to demonstrate that their role has the primary purpose of researching, drafting, interpreting, analysing and advising on the law.

Employment which is a better fit under any other ANZSCO code is not considered for this occupation.

Occupations that are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO include Barrister (ANZSCO Code 271111), who pleads cases before civil, criminal and industrial courts and other tribunals; Solicitor (ANZSCO Code 271311) who provides legal advice, prepares and drafts legal documents and conducts negotiations on behalf of clients on matters associated with the law, and Legal Executive (ANZSCO Code 599112) who acts for and on behalf of clients under the general supervision of a Barrister or Solicitor.

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.

You should provide a cover letter that justifies the rationale for choosing an 'nec' category.