VETASSESS

Information sheet

Social Professionals nec

ANZSCO: 272499

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

Social Professionals research and study human behaviour, society and institutions from current and historical perspectives, and verbally render spoken statements, and transcribe text and recorded spoken material from one language into another. This occupation group covers Social Professionals not elsewhere classified.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Anthropologist
- Criminologist
- Geographer
- Heritage Consultant
- Linguist
- Parole Board Member
- Political Scientist
- Sociologist
- Transport Analyst
- Philosopher

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Historian
- Interpreter
- Translator
- Archaeologist

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

Social 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.

Some occupations assessed by VETASSESS are listed as ‘nec’ which means ‘not elsewhere classified’.

If 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 an applicant’s employment is highly relevant to another ANZSCO occupation, the same period of employment cannot be assessed suitably against an ‘nec’ classification, regardless of whether the occupation is available for migration purposes or not.

Specialisations within the Social Professionals nec classification include (but are not limited to): Anthropologist, Criminologist, Geographer, Heritage Consultant, Linguist, Parole Board Member, Political Scientist, Sociologist, Transport Analyst, and Philosopher. Applicants should provide a cover letter that justifies the rationale for choosing an ‘nec’ category.

Qualification

This occupation requires a qualification of high relevance to the field of expertise in which the employment is undertaken. For example, a Sociologist must have an AQF Bachelor degree or higher degree in the field of Sociology. Interdisciplinary qualifications can also be considered if there is a clear connection between the qualification and employment.

Qualifications in Social Work would generally not be considered highly relevant to Social Professionals nec due to the very different educational pathways and career outcomes. While Sociologists and Social Workers draw on a similar body of knowledge, Sociology generally focuses on research and study, while Social Workers are more directly involved with applying knowledge about society to assist individuals and families.

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

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing, authenticating, evaluating and interpreting historical, political, sociological, archaeological, anthropological and linguistic data;
- Undertaking historical and cultural research into human activity, and preparing and presenting research findings;
- Researching and understanding trends in urban development with implications for planning and sustainability;
- Analyzing and comparing contemporary political systems and trends;
- Analyzing and reporting on demographic changes and implications for social and economic systems;
- Contributing new thinking on the moral and ethical aspects of a broad range of social phenomena;
- Researching and understanding different cultures and their development and changes over time.

Employment Information

Social Professionals research and study human behaviour, society and institutions from current and historical perspectives. For a positive outcome, involvement in research is required. In line with the nature of employment, applicants are expected to be involved in basic or applied research.

Social Professionals may work in a variety of organisations, such as universities, non-profit institutions, research and advisory groups, multilateral organisations and government bodies.

Can PhD studies in a Social Science (Sociology/Anthropology/Geography/etc.) be considered as employment?

VETASSESS will not accept doctoral studies supported only by a living allowance and/or scholarships. Consistent with Department of Home Affairs' requirements, for skilled employment to be considered 'remunerated', applicants must be engaged in the occupation on a paid basis, generally at the award or market rate of the occupation. A person receiving minimal living allowances or scholarships designed to cover study expenses would not be considered to be remunerated.