

Information sheet

Illustrator

ANZSCO: 232412

Group B

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

An Illustrator plans, designs, develops, and prepares pictures and diagrams to communicate messages, clarify meaning, assist in presentations and illustrate stories, using traditional and digital media such as drawing, painting, drafting, collage, models, photography, and image capture and manipulation software.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Animator
- Cartoonist
- Technical Illustrator

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Graphic Designer
- Multimedia Designer
- Web Designer
- > Performing Arts Technicians nec

Illustrators create and develop illustrations and designs for books, magazines, advertisements, films and multimedia. They illustrate on paper as well as in two-dimensional (2D) and three-dimensional (3D) models and may use traditional drawing methods, computertechniques or a combination of both. Illustrators need to be good communicators who understand what their clients need in order to fulfil their briefs. Many Illustrators display their work in a professional portfolio (either digital or physical) and when prompted, should be able talk about each sample of their work.

Illustrator is a VETASSESS Group B Occupation

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree or higher degree, in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation. In addition to this, applicants must have undertaken at least one year of post-qualification employment at an appropriate skill level in the last five years which is highly relevant to the nominated occupation. If employment is not post-qualification, then five additional years of highly relevant employment are required.

If the degree is not in a highly relevant field, three years of employment at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years in a field which is highly relevant to the nominated occupation is required. This is reduced to two years if there is an additional qualification at least at AQF Diploma level in a highly relevant field.

If employment is not post-qualification, then five additional years of relevant employment are required. This is in addition to one year of highly relevant employment within the past five years.

Please note, a portfolio of completed work must be submitted for assessment if nominating this occupation.

A positive assessment of both qualifications and employment is required for a positive Skills Assessment Outcome.

GROUP B	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment			
Post-qualification Pathways				
	Minimum comparable Bachelor or higher degree AQF level*	With highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications**	Highly relevant employment duration***
1	AQF +	+	N/A	+ 1YEAR minimum
2	AQF +	No highly relevant major +	AQF Williams AQF Diploma level with highly relevant major	+ 0 0 2 YEARS minimum
3	AQF +	No highly relevant major +	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+ 0 0 3 YEARS mini mum
Pre-qualification Pathway				
	Highly relevant employment duration***			Minimum comparable Bachelor or higher degree AQF level*
4	5 YEARS + OOO 1 YEAR minimum Within last 5 years	→ With or without highly relevant major field of study		AQF QF

Qualification

Note: Qualifications in the various Design disciplines may be considered on a case-bycase basis if the study program consists of subjects in drawing or illustration and design; and the subsequent employment is highly relevant. For example, qualifications in Architecture is relevant to employment of an Architectural Illustrator.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Illustration
- Visual Art / Visual Communication
- Graphic / Multimedia Design
- > Fine Art

Employment Tasks

Tasks include:

- Examines assignment brief and related material, and prepares layouts and sketches of proposed illustrations.
- Determines style, technique and medium to produce the desired effects and conform with reproduction requirements.
- Conceives and renders illustrations and details from models, sketches or imagination.
- Uses pens, ink, charcoal, crayons, paint and other materials to create drawings and illustrations.
- Discusses and amends illustrations with clients and production team at various stages of completion.
- Uses computers to develop and enhance illustrations.
- Illustrates children's books, scientific work, technical manuals, reference books and other publications.
- May specialize in product packaging, corporate, medical or architectural illustration.
- May prepare series of drawings to illustrate an animated sequence in a television or film production.
- Researches the topic by looking at photographs, artworks, advertisements and books, and by observing people, animals and plants.
- Creates and manipulates models using clay and other materials or 2D and 3D computer graphics to create an animated sequence.

Supporting Material for Assessment

Supporting material for assessment section with the similar details: 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.

If you are nominating this occupation, you must also submit a portfolio. Please provide a link to your portfolio or upload samples of your design work of no more than 5MB per sample.