VETASSESS

Information sheet

Print Journalist

ANZSCO: 212413 **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

Print Journalists collect and analyze facts about newsworthy events by interview, investigation and observation and write stories for newspapers, magazines or journals.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Columnist
- Feature Writer
- Leader Writer
- Newspaper Reporter

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Copywriter
- Newspaper or Periodical Editor
- Radio Journalist
- Technical Writer
- Television Journalist
- Journalists and Other Writers nec

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

Print Journalist 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.

Applicants can fulfil the assessment criteria for this occupation in four different ways.

*If employment is prior to the completion of the qualification at the required level, an applicant must have at least one year of highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level within the last five years. The remaining five years of pre-qualifying period may be within the last ten years.

A positive assessment of both qualification level and employment duration is required for a positive Skills Assessment outcome.

GROUP B	Criteria for a suitable Skills Assessment			
	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 +	1 YEAR minimum
2	AQF +	No highly relevant major +	AQF Minimum AQF Diploma level with highly relevant major +	2 YEARS minimum
3	AQF +	No highly relevant major +	No additional highly relevant qualifications +	3 YEARS minimum
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group B occupations				
	Highly relevant employment duration	With or without highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications	Comparable Bachelor degree AQF level
4	5 YEARS minimum + 1 YEAR minimum (Within last 5 years) +	N/A +	N/A +	AQF

Description of Pathways

The information below describes the available pathways for a Skills Assessment under **Group B**. Please note that in order to achieve a suitable Skills Assessment Outcome, a positive 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.

Pathway 2

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 not highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Bachelor degree or higher degree includes AQF Master Degree or AQF Doctoral Degree.

An additional qualification in a highly relevant field of study at a minimum AQF Diploma level is required. Additional qualifications in a highly relevant field of study include those comparable to the AQF Diploma or AQF Advanced Diploma or AQF Associate Degree or AQF Graduate Diploma.

In addition, it is essential for applicants to meet the following employment criteria:

- at least **two** years 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.

For example, an applicant for the occupation Quality Assurance Manager completed a non-relevant AQF Bachelor qualification in April 2024 and later completed an AQF Diploma in Quality Management in May 2026. The applicant commenced employment with the organisation in May 2024 and remains employed there.

Under Pathway 2, the applicant satisfies the minimum educational requirement for a Group B occupation through the AQF Bachelor qualification. Accordingly, employment is counted from the completion date of the Bachelor qualification, meaning employment from May 2024 onwards may be considered toward both the required Qualifying Period (QP) and any remaining eligible period for the points test.

As the later Diploma qualification is highly relevant to the occupation, the applicant may access the reduced employment requirement applicable under Pathway 2. In this case, only two years of QP are required, and that employment may be counted from the post-Bachelor period rather than from the Diploma qualification completion date.

Pathway 3

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 not 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 **three** years 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.

Pathway 4

This pathway requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the education level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree or higher degree with or without a highly relevant major field of study 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 **six** years of employment at an appropriate skill level that includes at least **one** year of highly relevant employment within the last five years before applying,
- working 20 hours or more per week, and
- highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Qualification

This occupation requires a qualification in Journalism, Media Studies or Written Communication.

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

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Journalism (the study of researching current affairs and events and other matters of interests and reporting them);
- Media Studies (the study of the forms and effects of media including books, radio, film, television, photography, print, digital and electronic media);
- Written Communication (the study of developing effective written communication skills).

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- Collecting and analyzing facts about newsworthy events from interviews, printed matter, investigations and observations;
- Writing news reports, commentaries, articles and feature stories for newspapers, magazines and journals on topics of public interest;
- Developing leads for news items and submitting news stories for approval;
- Taking notes and reading publicity releases, copies of speeches or similar material to facilitate organization and writing of stories;
- Writing to meet deadlines, referring to reference books, newspaper files or other sources to secure additional facts;
- Reading and evaluating news reports and suggestions for future stories;
- Critically discussing daily news topics in the editorial columns of newspapers and reviewing books, films or plays;
- Writing particular segments of publications, such as news commentaries or sports, fashion, or educational segments.

Employment information

What does ‘Print Journalism’ mean?

as Print /Online, Broadcast, Multimedia, and Photojournalism. Print Journalism refers to the writing of stories, news reports, commentaries and feature articles for newspapers, magazines and journals. This area of journalism includes both print editions, and digital/online publications. Columnists, Feature Writers, Leader Writers and Newspaper Reporters are all suitably assessed against the requirements of the Print Journalist occupation, whether their work is published in print or online.

Self-employment

If you are self-employed, you are required to provide the following:

a) Evidence of self-employment such as sole trading or business registration details and/or official statements issued by your (registered) Accountant and/or legal team. The statement from your Accountant or Solicitor must include the Accountant's or Solicitor's letterhead, your full name, how long you have been continuously self-employed, including official dates in each role, the nature of the business conducted, the signature and contact details of the Accountant or Solicitor.

b) A statutory declaration listing your main duties during self-employment.

c) Payment evidence showing regular income from self-employment, such as client invoices together with corresponding bank statements and /or official taxation records.

d) Supplementary evidence, such as contracts with clients or suppliers, client testimonials, evidence of projects completed, etc.

Supporting material for assessment

Applicants nominating for this occupation are advised to provide any additional evidence to support employment claims, such as evidence of written work (newspaper/magazine/journal articles).