

# Swimming Coach or Instructor

ANZSCO: 452315

Group F

## 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

A Swimming Coach or Instructor coaches, trains and instructs participants in swimming by analysing their performances and developing their abilities.

## Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Diving Coach
- Learn to Swim Instructor

## Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Aquatic Centre Manager
- Athlete
- Lifeguard

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









# Swimming Coach or Instructor is a VETASSESS Group F occupation

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate II or higher.

Applicants can fulfil the assessment criteria for this occupation in three 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 three 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 F	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment						
	Minimum comparable Certificate II or higher AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications*	Highly relevant employment duration**			
1		+		+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	
2		+	No highly relevant major	+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group F occupations							
	Relevant employment duration**	With or without highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications*	Minimum Certificate II or higher AQF level			
3	 +  Within last 5 years	+	N/A	+	N/A	+	

\* Additional qualifications in a highly relevant field of study include those comparable to the following levels: AQF Certificate I.

\*\* Highly relevant paid employment duration (20 hours or more per week)

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minimum one year of post-qualification employment highly relevant to the nominated occupation, at an appropriate skill level in the last five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment.

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minimum two years of employment highly relevant to the nominated occupation, completed at an appropriate skill level in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment.

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minimum four years of relevant employment required – three years of relevant employment (can be outside the last 5-year period) in addition to at least one year of highly relevant employment within the last five years before applying.

## Qualification

AQF Certificate II or higher qualification\*

This occupation requires a qualification in Sports Coaching and Development.

Highly relevant units of study may include, but are not limited to:

- Sport and Recreation Industry
- Sports Coaching and Administration
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Coaching Techniques and Strategies
- Fitness Program Development
- Sport Rules and Regulations
- First Aid
- Health and Safety Policies and Procedures
- Business Technology
- Coaching of High Performance Swimmers
- Development of Training Programs for High Performance Swimmers

\*This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

A positive assessment of both qualification level and employment duration is required for a positive Skills Assessment Outcome. Highly relevant employment cannot compensate for lack of a qualification at the required educational level for the nominated occupation.

Short courses or qualifications awarded after a day or a week in duration would generally not be assessed as comparable to an AQF Certificate II. The volume of learning for an AQF Certificate II requires completion of between 6 months to a year.

For example, a 5-hour course in foundation coaching awarded by a professional organisation may be provided as additional evidence in support of an application, however it will not meet the formal educational requirement of an AQF Certificate II qualification.

## Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Coaching, training and instructing sportspersons by analysing performances and developing abilities.
- Planning and directing game strategies, developing play patterns and analysing game progress.
- Motivating sportspersons and supervising practice sessions.
- Recruiting players and other coaching staff.
- Arranging entries into sporting competitions.
- Promoting sports and skills development, and overseeing the participation of young people in sport.
- Officiating at sporting events to enforce rules.
- Coordinating and directing sporting activities, and liaising with other officials to interpret and enforce rules and regulations relating to sport..

## Employment information

Swimming Coaches or Instructors are generally employed by sporting clubs, associations, government agencies, holiday resorts, health clubs, educational institutions and community institutions. They may also be self-employed.

To receive a positive assessment outcome, applicants must be able to demonstrate they are employed and paid to coach swimming for at least 20 hours per week. For applicants who are employed on a casual or parttime basis, additional official documentation such as a summary of the number of working hours per week may be required. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that their primary engagement with their employer is for the purposes of coaching swimming. Applicants occupying dual roles may be required to submit official contracts and/or appointment letters outlining their primary tasks and working hours per week.

For skills assessment purposes, full-time work is paid employment performed for a minimum of 20 hours per week. Irregular periods that average out to 20 hours per week over a year will not be considered. For example, if an applicant has worked in their nominated occupation for 12 hours per week over a three-month period, and has then worked 40 hours per week over a seven-month period, only the seven-month period would be considered for skills assessment purposes.

## 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 selfemployed, including official dates in each role, the nature of the business conducted and 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

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.

Applicants nominating for this occupation are advised to provide any additional evidence to support employment claims, such as professional development certificates and/or coaching awards/achievements. Note that these will be considered as supplementary evidence only and will not substitute a formal educational qualification or highly relevant employment.

