

Secretary (General)

ANZSCO: 521211

Group C

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 Secretary (General) performs secretarial, clerical and other administrative tasks in support of Managers and Professionals.

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Personal Assistant (ANZSCO Code 521111)
- Legal Secretary (ANZSCO Code 521212)
- Office Manager (ANZSCO Code 512111)
- Receptionist (ANZSCO Unit Group 5421)
- Medical Secretary (ANZSCO Unit Group 5421)

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

Secretary (General) is a VETASSESS Group C occupation

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

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

GROUP C		Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment					
		Post-qualification Pathways					
	Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications	Highly relevant employment duration			
1		+		+	N/A		
2		+	No highly relevant major	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV level with highly relevant major	+	 1 YEAR minimum	
3		+	No highly relevant major	+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	 2 YEARS minimum
Pre-qualification Pathway							
	Highly Relevant employment duration				Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level		
4	 3 YEARS minimum	+	 1 YEAR minimum	+	With or without highly relevant major field of study	+	
	Within last 5 years						

Description of Pathways

The information below describes the available pathways for a Skills Assessment under **Group C**. Please note that in order to achieve a successful 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) Diploma or higher and in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Diploma or higher includes AQF Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or 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) Diploma or higher and in a field not highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Diploma or higher includes AQF Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or Doctoral Degree.

An additional qualification in a highly relevant field of study at a minimum AQF Certificate IV level is required. Additional qualifications in a highly relevant field of study include those comparable to the AQF Certificate IV.

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 3

This pathway requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the education level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma or higher and in a field not highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Diploma or higher includes AQF Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or Doctoral Degree.

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.

Pathway 4

This pathway requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the education level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma or higher with or without a highly relevant major field of study to the nominated occupation.

Diploma or higher includes AQF Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or Doctoral Degree.

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

- at least **four** 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 includes qualifications assessed at AQF Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master and Doctoral level.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Business Administration
- Management
- Office Management

Other disciplines which are relevant to the employment context may be considered on a case-by-case basis (if employment is highly relevant).

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Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- Liaising with other staff to arrange meetings, and to gain and provide information;
- Preparing reports, briefing notes and correspondence, and proofreading work for typographical and grammatical errors;
- Maintaining appointment diaries and making travel arrangements;
- Processing incoming and outgoing mail, filing correspondence and maintaining;
- Answering telephone calls, responding to inquiries and redirecting callers;
- Taking and transcribing dictation of letters and other documents;
- Greeting visitors, ascertaining nature of business and directing visitors to appropriate persons;
- May implement management decisions and maintain records of meetings;
- May handle bookkeeping and petty cash functions.

Supporting material for assessment

Applicants nominating this occupation may submit an organisational chart. An organisational chart should include the company letterhead, your job position and those of your superiors and subordinates as well as all positions reporting to your immediate supervisor and to your direct subordinates.

Applicants should also provide details of any relevant training or professional development courses undertaken. These may be detailed in the Curriculum Vitae/Resume provided.

