

Interior Decorator

ANZSCO: 399912

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

An Interior Decorator plans the interior design of commercial or residential premises and arranges for decorating work to be done.

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:












- Interior Designer
- Architectural Draftsperson
- Visual Merchandiser
- Furniture Designer

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

Interior Decorator 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 must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1–4):

GROUP C	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment						
	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	+	
3		+	No highly relevant major	+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group C occupations							
	Highly relevant employment duration**		With or without highly relevant major field of study		Additional highly relevant qualifications*		Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level
4	 +  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 Diploma
- > AQF Advanced Diploma
- > AQF Associate Degree or
- > AQF Graduate Diploma

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

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minimum 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 4 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.

*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 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.

Qualification

This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

Interior Decorating involves the decoration of the interior of a building or room, especially with regard for colour combination and artistic effect.

Relevant subjects may include (but are not limited to):

- Design Research
- Develop Design Briefing
- Creative Design for 2D / 3D applications
- Drawing Techniques
- Technical Drawings
- Applying Colour / Finishes to Interior Spaces
- Project Management
- 3D Modelling
- Interior Lighting
- Source and Supply Decoration Products
- Health and Safety, Project Co-ordination.

Highly relevant majors of study include:

- Interior Design
- Interior Decoration

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Planning the interior design of commercial or residential premises.
- Arranging for interior decorating work to be done in commercial or residential premises.
- Inspecting existing premises/location.
- Consulting with clients to determine decorating requirements.
- Preparing preliminary decoration schemes (concepts/colour) for approval.
- Preparing a final decoration package including drawings, quotes and costs for work and materials.
- Co-ordinating and networking with suppliers of furniture, fabrics, lighting and accessories.
- Supervising decorating work or performing work personally.
- Preparing accounts and arranging payment for subcontractors.
- Designing furniture or fittings.

Employment information

Applicants who apply under the occupation of Interior Decorator are expected to identify and propose decorative styles for a given space in line with the expectations of their clients, and to undertake design and budgetary aspects associated with the project. They often coordinate tradespeople to undertake the works.

Please note the distinction between the ANZSCO occupations of Interior Designer and Interior Decorator. Roles focused on furnishing and decorative inclusions within an interior space to achieve a certain aesthetic are considered appropriate for the Interior Decorator occupation. Alternatively, positions that demonstrate the ability to execute the design and functionality of interior spatial environments and all elements involved may be better suited to the occupation of Interior Designer, and so not deemed relevant to the occupation of Interior Decorator.

Acceptable employment settings may include independent consultants. Interior Decorators may also establish their own private practice or be self-employed. Please refer to 'Supporting Material for Assessment' for documentation requirements relating to self-employed applicants.

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. Applicants nominating this occupation are required to provide evidence in line with VETASSESS documentation requirements (see List of Required Documents).

If you are nominating this occupation, and you are self-employed, you are required to provide the following:

- 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.
- A statutory declaration listing your main duties during self-employment.
- Payment evidence showing regular income from self-employment, such as client invoices together with corresponding bank statements and/or official taxation records.
- Supplementary evidence, such as contracts with clients or suppliers, client testimonials, evidence of projects completed, etc.

To further support your employment claims, you may also wish to provide supplementary documentation including:

- Website links related to the company.
- Company Registration.
- A completed project list.
- A portfolio (no more than 5MB).
- Any other documents relevant to your role.