VETASSESS

Information sheet

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							
	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	AQF	+		+	N/A	+	1 YEAR minimum	
2	AQF	+	No highly relevant major	+	AQF Minimum AQF Certificate IV level with highly relevant major	+	1 YEAR minimum	
3	AQF	+	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 Within last 5 years	+			With or without highly relevant major field of study	+	AQF	

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.

For example, an applicant for the occupation Program or Project Administrator completed a non-relevant AQF Diploma qualification in April 2024 and later completed an AQF Certificate IV in Project 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 C occupation through the AQF Diploma qualification. Accordingly, employment is counted from the completion date of the Diploma 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 Certificate IV qualification is highly relevant to the occupation, the applicant may access the reduced employment requirement applicable under Pathway 2. In this case, only one year of QP is required, and that employment may be counted from the post-Diploma period rather than from the Certificate IV qualification completion date.

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 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.