VETASSESS

Information sheet

# Technical Sales Representative nec

**ANZSCO: 225499** **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

Technical Sales Representatives represent companies in selling a range of goods and services to industrial, business, professional and other establishments. This occupation group covers Technical Sales Representatives not elsewhere classified.

## Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- Sales Representative (Educational Products and Services)

## Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Sales Representative (Industrial Products)
- Sales Representative (Medical and Pharmaceutical Products)
- ICT Account Manager
- ICT Sales Representative
- ICT Business Development Manager
- Sales Representative (Business Solutions)
- Sales Representatives nec

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

# Technical Sales Representatives nec 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 one of four ways.**

| GROUP B | Criteria for a suitable Skills Assessment | | | |
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| | 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 + | 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 includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

Disciplines relevant to the products represented for sale and Marketing

## Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- Compiling lists of prospective client businesses using directories and other sources.
- Acquiring and updating knowledge of employers' and competitors' goods and services, and market conditions.
- Visiting regular and prospective client businesses to establish and act on selling opportunities.
- Assessing customers' needs and recommending and explaining goods and services to them.
- Monitoring customers' changing needs and competitor activity, and reporting these developments to sales management.
- Quoting and negotiating prices and credit terms, and completing contracts and recording orders.
- Arranging delivery of goods, installation of equipment and the provision of services.
- Reporting to sales management on sales made and the marketability of goods and services.
- Following up with clients to ensure satisfaction with goods and services purchased, and resolving any problems arising.
- Preparing sales reports and maintaining and submitting records of business expenses incurred.

## Employment information

The occupation Technical Sales Representatives nec belongs to ANZSCO Unit Group 2254 and covers technical sales occupations that are not elsewhere classified in that Unit Group (or elsewhere classified in ANZSCO).

Sales Representative (Educational Products and Services) is the only specialisation listed under this nec code, but please note that applicants selling products or services other than education products or services could be assessed positively. They should, however, be engaged in sales requiring technical knowledge to business, professional and other establishments, and their role should not be elsewhere classified in ANZSCO.

This occupation excludes positions that are based in a front-line setting, and/or based in a call centre setting where significant technical knowledge of products is not required. Positions that predominately involve the selling of educational courses to individual students will not be assessed positively.

## Not Elsewhere Classified (nec)

Some occupations assessed by VETASSESS are listed as 'nec', which means 'not elsewhere classified'. If nominating one of these occupations, you must ensure that your qualifications and employment are highly relevant to one of the occupation titles given in the ANZSCO description for the particular occupation.

Other specific occupation titles which cannot be found elsewhere in ANZSCO will be considered on a case-by-case basis so long as they are relevant to the 'nec' codes. In order to be assessed against an 'nec' code, your occupation would generally be described as non-classified, yet specialised or related to its ANZSCO Unit Group description. Your employment in these nominated occupations should not better match another ANZSCO code (whether assessed by VETASSESS or not).

When considering whether to nominate an 'nec' occupation, you should consider the sub major group description and determine whether your skills best fit this category. VETASSESS conducts a case-by-case assessment to determine whether the employment can be considered highly relevant to the classification.

If an applicant's employment is highly relevant to another ANZSCO occupation, the same period of employment cannot be assessed suitably against an 'nec' classification, regardless of whether the occupation is available for migration purposes or not. Applicants should provide a cover letter that justifies the rationale for choosing an 'nec' category.