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SKILLS ASSESSMENT

# GREAT SOUTH COAST

Designated Area Migration  
Agreement DAMA





## Great South Coast, VIC

This document lists the skills assessment criteria for occupations in the above DAMA region.

Applicants nominating ANZSCO Skill Level 4 Occupations (non-meat processing occupations) outlined in **Table 1** must meet the skill level requirements as defined in ANZSCO.

**Table 1: ANZSCO Skill Level 4 Occupations (non-meat processing occupations)**

| ANZSCO CODE | OCCUPATION   | ANZSCO SKILL LEVEL |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 721111      | Agricultural and Horticultural Mobile Plant Operator | 4                  |
| 721211      | Earthmoving Plant Operator                           | 4                  |
| 711211      | Industrial Spraypainter                              | 4                  |
| 721999      | Mobile Plant Operators nec                           | 4                  |
| 733111      | Truck Driver (General)                               | 4                  |

Applicants nominating ANZSCO Skill Level 4 Occupations (meat processing occupations) outlined in **Table 2** must meet the following requirements:

### Skilled Meat Worker (Slaughterer, Meat Boner and Slicer)

- » Have a minimum skill level commensurate with the MINTRAC referenced AQF Certificate III in meat processing; and either
- » Demonstrate a minimum of three years skilled work experience obtained at an MPE acceptable to the Parties, or
- » Have been working in Australia on a subclass 457 or TSS visa at an Australian MPE acceptable to the Parties for at least 9 months prior to being nominated.

### Product Quality Controller (Meat Grader)

- » Have at least an AQF Certificate II or III (or equivalent); or
- » Have at least one year of recent and relevant work experience.

**Table 2: ANZSCO Skill Level 4 Occupations (meat processing occupations)**

| ANZSCO CODE | OCCUPATION                               | ANZSCO SKILL LEVEL |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 831211      | Meat Boner and Slicer                    | 4                  |
| 839312      | Product Quality Controller (Meat Grader) | 4                  |
| 831212      | Slaughterer                              | 4                  |

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

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## Great South Coast, VIC (continued)

Applicants nominating non-ANZSCO occupations outlined in **Table 3** must meet the following requirements:

### Dairy Cattle Farm Operator

- » At least an AQF equivalent Certificate II or III or;
- » At least one year of recent and relevant work experience
- » A short period of on-the-job training may be required in addition to or instead of the formal qualification.

### Senior Dairy Cattle Farm Worker

- » At least an AQF equivalent Certificate III and at least three years recent and relevant work experience; or
- » At least five years of recent and relevant work experience

**Table 3: ANZSCO skill level 3 occupations**

| 6 DIGIT CODE | OCCUPATION                      | EQUIVALENT ANZSCO SKILL LEVEL |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 070499       | Dairy Cattle Farm Operator      | 4                             |
| 070499       | Senior Dairy Cattle Farm Worker | 3                             |

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# FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



## 1. What is DAMA?

Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) is a formal agreement between the Australian Government and a regional, state or territory authority, providing flexibility for regions to respond to their unique labour market needs.

DAMA allows employers to sponsor skilled and semi-skilled overseas professionals for positions they are unable to fill with local workers. Each state/territory DAMA is tailored to address current and emerging labour market shortages and local terms and conditions of employment.

### Key elements of DAMAs include:

- » A broad range of occupation that reflect the state/ territory skilled and semi-skilled shortages, with no caveats to apply but rather, concessions that may apply
- » English language, age and salary concessions for some occupations

## 2. Does an applicant need a skills assessment for DAMA?

A skills assessment is required for applications lodged for the occupations on the DAMA Occupation Lists. This is to ensure that the individual has the necessary skills to perform the tasks of their chosen occupation under DAMA.

## 3. Which DAMA regions does VETASSESS skills assessment cover?

- » The Goldfields, WA – City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
- » Great South Coast, VIC – Warrnambool City Council
- » Adelaide City and Regional SA – Immigration South Australia
- » Orana, NSW – Regional Development Australia: Orana, NSW
- » Far North Queensland – Cairns Chamber of Commerce DAMA

VETASSESS does not offer skills assessments for the Northern Territory Designated Area Migration Agreement. Please approach the Northern Territory government or the Department of Home Affairs with any queries in regard to this.

## 4. My occupation is not listed on your website.

Please check on the DAMA website of your chosen region to ensure that VETASSESS is the relevant assessing authority.

## 5. What are VETASSESS skills assessment criteria for my chosen occupation?

For occupations with DAMA specific criteria, please refer to the individual DAMA information sheet on our website. For other Professional Occupations that are listed on DAMA Occupation Lists, please refer to the professional occupations list. The process is the same as the standard skills assessments and when applying online, please select the 'Skills Assessment for Migration' category. When applying online, please select the 'DAMA' category.

## 6. What documents do I need?

For a full list of details and documents required, please visit [www.vetassess.com.au](http://www.vetassess.com.au)

## 7. I don't know which DAMA to select?

In order to process your DAMA skills assessment, it is required that you nominate the area you will be working in under the DAMA agreement. Please visit DAMA websites for more details.

## 8. I have already applied for skill assessment under one DAMA. Can I use the skill assessment for another DAMA?

Our skills assessment outcome letters for occupations with DAMA specific criteria specify the relevant DAMA region. Please contact the relevant DAMA authority to confirm the validity of the letter.

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## 9. How will I be notified of the progress of my application?

If any additional information is required you will be contacted by email. Once your application is completed, you will receive an email notification to download the outcome letter from the online application portal.

## 10. Can I change my occupation or DAMA region?

Please ensure you nominate the right occupation and DAMA region before submitting your application online. If you have incorrectly chosen your occupation and/or DAMA region, you will need to withdraw your existing application and submit a new one. Change of occupation requests will incur an administration fee.

## 11. How long is a DAMA skills assessment valid for?

Three years from the issue date.

## 12. I have already completed a full skills assessment with VETASSESS. Can I use this for DAMA?

For occupations with DAMA specific criteria, you will need to re-apply under the DAMA category. For other occupations which do not have DAMA specific criteria, yes. Please ensure that your chosen occupation is available under the relevant DAMA agreement.

## 13. Can we apply for GSM migration assessments at the same time as a DAMA assessment?

Multiple applications across various assessment types are accepted.

## 14. If I require a skills assessment for DAMA purposes, how do I apply?

Applicants wishing to lodge a full skills assessment for Professional Occupations that are listed on DAMA Occupation Lists, please visit [www.vetassess.com.au](http://www.vetassess.com.au) Depending on whether your nominated occupation has DAMA specific criteria or general, you will need to select the relevant application type category.

For applications under occupations with DAMA specific criteria please select the DAMA category.

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