

Skills Assessment

# Far North Queensland

Designated Area Migration Agreement DAMA

This document lists the skills assessment criteria for occupations in the Far North Queensland DAMA region that are currently not available via the standard TSS, SESR and ENS visa programs.

The DAMA requirements have changed recently. For some occupations, applicants can apply without a qualification if they can provide evidence of relevant work experience at a suitable skill level.

You will note that some occupations have an asterisk\* beside them. Please contact the Department of Home Affairs to confirm that you need a skills assessment for these select occupations before you apply to VETASSESS.

ANZSCO Occupations For occupations in **Table 1** below, the visa applicant must:

- › **Skill Level 1**  
Have at least an AQF Bachelor degree; or  
Have at least five (5) years of full-time relevant work experience
- › **Skill Level 2**  
Have at least an AQF Diploma; or  
Have at least three (3) years of full-time relevant work experience
- › **Skill Level 3**  
Have at least an AQF Certificate IV; or  
Have at least an AQF Certificate III plus 2 years on-the-job training; or  
Have at least three (3) years of full-time relevant work experience

**Additional Work Experience That Can Be Assessed**

- › Have at least two (2) years (35 hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa;
- › Where the relevant AQF qualification was obtained in Australia, only one (1) year of relevant full-time work experience is required for the TSS and SESR visa programs; or
- › Have at least three (3) years full-time work experience for an ENS visa.

**TABLE 1**

**General ANZSCO Skill Level 1 - 3 Occupations**

6-digit code	Occupation	ANZSCO Skill Level
311112	Agricultural and Agritech Technician	2
121612	Fruit Grower	1
362611	Gardener (General)	3

Applicants nominating Specified ANZSCO skill level 3 and 4 occupations as outlined in **Table 2** must meet the following requirements:

- Have at least a relevant AQF or equivalent Certificate III (Skill Level 4 occupations); or
- Have at least a relevant AQF or equivalent Certificate IV (Skill Level 3 occupations).

**Additional Work Experience That Can Be Assessed**

- At least one (1) year (20 plus hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- Have three (3) years full-time relevant work experience if applying for an ENS visa.

**TABLE 2**

**Specified ANZSCO Skill Level 3 & 4 Occupations**

6-digit code	Occupation	ANZSCO Skill Level
423111	Aged or Disabled Carer	4
363111	Aquaculture Supervisor	3
451111	Beauty Therapists	3
423211	Dental Assistant	4
363114	Horticultural Supervisor or Specialist	3
423312	Nursing Support Worker	4
423313	Personal Care Assistant	4
363115	Senior Broadacre Crop and Livestock Farm Worker	3

Applicants nominating ANZSCO skill level 4 occupations outlined in **Table 3** must meet the following requirements:

- Hold at least an AQF (or equivalent) Certificate II.

**Additional Work Experience That Can Be Assessed**

- Have at least one and a half (1.5) years (20 plus hours per week) relevant work experience as the holder of a relevant AQF Certificate II, if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- Have at least one (1) year (20 plus hours per week) relevant work experience as the holder of a relevant AQF (or equivalent) Certificate III, if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- Have at least two (2) years (35 hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- Have at least three (3) years full-time work experience if applying for an ENS visa.

**TABLE 3**

**ANZSCO Skill Level 4 Occupations**

6-digit code	Occupation	ANZSCO Skill Level
551111	Accounts clerk	4
721111	Agricultural and Horticultural Mobile Plant Operator*	4
731212	Charter and Tour Bus Driver*	4
899211	Deck Hand	4
431111	Bar Attendant	4
431112	Barista	4
721211	Earthmoving Plant Operator (General)	4
721311	Forklift Driver	4
542113	Hotel or Motel Receptionist	4
591212	Import-Export Clerk (Customs Agent)	4
721999	Mobile Plant Operators (nec)	4
452215	Outdoor Adventure Instructor	4
452215	Outdoor Adventure Guides (nec)	4
621511	Retail Supervisor	4
451452	Tour Guide	4
733111	Truck Driver	4
431511	Waiter	4

For occupations in **Table 4** below, the applicant must:

- › Have at least a relevant AQF or equivalent Certificate I; or
- › Have at least one (1) year (35 hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa;

**Additional Work Experience That Can Be Assessed**

- › Have at least a relevant AQF or equivalent Certificate I; OR have at least one (1) year (35 hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- › Have at least three (3) years relevant work experience if applying for an ENS visa.

## Non-ANZSCO Occupations

For Non-ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupations in **Table 5** below, the visa applicant must:

- › Have at least a relevant bachelor degree or higher qualification.

**Additional Work Experience That Can Be Assessed**

- › At least one-and-a-half (1.5) years (20 plus hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- › Have at least three (3) years relevant work experience if applying for an ENS visa.

**TABLE 4**

**General ANZSCO Skill Level 5 occupations**

ANZSCO Code	Occupation	ANZSCO Skill Level
811411	Commercial Housekeeper	5
842212	Fruit Farm Worker	5
842213	Fruit Picker	5
431999	Other Hospitality Workers (nec)	5

**TABLE 5**

**Non-ANZSCO Skill Level 1 occupations**

ANZSCO Code	Occupation	Skill Level
070499	Marine Environment Interpreter	1

## Where can I find more information?

Please refer to our website or if you have further questions contact us:

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For the non-ANZSCO occupations outlined in **Table 6**, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- › Have at least a relevant AQF or equivalent Certificate IV.

**Additional Work Experience That Can Be Assessed**

- › At least one (1) year (20 plus hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- › Have at least three (3) years full-time work experience if applying for an ENS visa.

**TABLE 6**

**Non-ANZSCO Skill Level 3 Occupations**

6 digit Code	Occupation	Equivalent ANZSCO Skill Level
070499	Café or Restaurant Supervisor	3
070499	Diving Instructor (Tourism or Photography)	3
070499	Farm Inspector	3
070499	Farm Supervisor*	3
070499	Night Auditor	3

For occupations in **Table 7** below, the applicant must:

- › Have at least a relevant AQF or equivalent Certificate III; or
- › Have at least two (2) years of full-time relevant work experience.

**Additional Work Experience That Can Be Assessed**

- › Have at least one (1) year (20 plus hours per week) of relevant work experience, (if the holder of a certificate III) if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- › Have at least two (2) years (35 hours per week) relevant work experience if applying for a TSS or SESR visa; or
- › Have at least three (3) years full-time work experience if applying for an ENS visa.

**TABLE 7**

**Non-ANZSCO Skill Level 4 Occupations**

6 digit Code	Occupation	Equivalent ANZSCO Skill Level
070499	Bar Attendant (Supervisor)	4
070499	Brewer	4
070499	Housekeeping Supervisor	4
070499	Waiter (Supervisor)	4

## 1. What is a DAMA?

A 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 occupations 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
- › East Kimberley, WA
- › Pilbara, WA
- › South West, WA
- › Goulburn Valley, VIC
- › Townsville, Qld
- › 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, 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, select the 'DAMA' category.

## 6. What documents do I need?

For a full list of details and documents required, 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 a skills assessment under one DAMA. Can I use the skills 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.

## 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?**

You can apply via the VETASSESS website, under Skills Assessment for Migration. Some occupations are listed for both general skills assessment and for a DAMA. If you are applying for DAMA purposes, make sure you choose the relevant application type category.



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

**Important Note** — 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.

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