

## AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANT (ANZSCO Code: 234111)

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 and Training.

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

Agricultural Consultants advise farmers, agricultural businesses, rural industries and government on the production, processing and distribution of farm products.

### Alternative Titles

- Agricultural Adviser

### Specialisations

- Agricultural Extension Officer
- Landcare Officer
- Horticultural Consultant\*
- Agribusiness Consultant

\*Employment as a horticultural consultant may be considered where the focus of the work relates to provision of advice on the processing and distribution of fruits, nuts and vegetables but not landscaping and ornamental plants.

## **AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANT (ANZSCO Code: 234111) Requirements for Skills Assessment**

This occupation requires a qualification which is assessed as comparable to the educational level an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree or higher\*, in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Applicants must also have at least one year of highly relevant, post-qualification employment, at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years.

If the qualification(s) are not at the required educational level, and not in a highly relevant field of study, or if the employment has been completed prior to the qualification, then the applicant will be assessed below the required skill level.

\*This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

A positive assessment of both qualifications and employment is required for a positive Skills Assessment Outcome.

### **Qualification**

AQF Bachelor degree or higher\*

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Agricultural Science
- Animal Science and Management
- Crop Science / Agronomy
- Viticulture
- Plant and Animal Production

Qualifications in certain science fields (Horticulture, Biotechnology, Veterinary Science, Biochemistry, Biological Life Sciences, Botany, Zoology, Soil Science, Environmental Science) may be accepted on a case-by-case basis if the study programme consists of sufficient subjects in Agricultural systems, Agronomy, Animal Science, Chemistry, Grazing systems, Plant cultivation and core subjects in their respective specialised fields. Major research projects and / or internships are important determining factors.

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### Employment

In Australia, there are currently no legal requirements for licensing or registration for the occupation of Agricultural Consultant.

An agricultural consultant generally provides advice to clients as an external contracted service. Clients may include farmers, growers, landowners, conservation organisations and public bodies.

As an agricultural consultant, you would usually consult on either technical or business matters. The consultancy may include advice on agricultural systems, crop and pasture science, livestock, nutrition / breeding, or improvement of production, processing and distribution of farm products.

### Tasks include

- Collecting and analysing data and samples of produce, feed, soil and other factors affecting production
- Advising farmers and farm Managers on techniques for improving the production of crops and livestock, and alternative agricultural options
- Advising farmers on issues such as livestock and crop disease, control of pests and weeds, soil improvement, animal husbandry and feeding programs
- Developing procedures and techniques for solving agricultural problems and improving the efficiency of production