

Information sheet

Operating Theatre Technician

ANZSCO: 311214

Group D

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 Operating Theatre Technician prepares and maintains an operating theatre and its equipment, assists the surgical team during operations and provides support to patients in the recovery room.












Operating Theatre Technician is a VETASSESS Group D occupation

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate III or higher.

Applicants can fulfil the assessment criteria for this occupation in four different ways.

Qualification and employment criteria

Applicants must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1– 4):

GROUP D	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment				
Post-qualification Pathways					
	Minimum comparable Certificate III or IV or higher AQF level		With highly relevant major field of study		Highly relevant employment duration*
1	<div> Minimum AQF Certificate IV</div>	+	<div></div>	+	<div> 1 YEAR minimum</div>
2	<div> Minimum AQF Certificate IV</div>	+	No highly relevant major	+	<div> 2 YEARS minimum</div>
3	<div> Minimum AQF Certificate III</div>	+	<div></div>	+	<div> 3 YEARS minimum</div>
Pre-qualification Pathway					
	Highly Relevant employment duration*				Minimum comparable Certificate IV AQF level
4	<div><div> 3 YEARS minimum</div> + <div> 1 YEAR minimum</div> Within last 5 years</div>	+	With or without highly relevant major field of study	+	<div></div>

* Highly relevant paid employment duration (20 hours or more per week)

Pathways 1–3

minimum years of post-qualification employment highly relevant to the nominated occupation, completed at an appropriate skill level in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment.

Pathway 4

minimum 4 years of relevant employment required – Three years of relevant employment (can be outside the last 5-year period) in addition to at least one year of highly relevant employment within the last five years before applying.

A positive assessment of both qualification level and employment duration is required for a positive Skills Assessment outcome.

Qualification

This occupation requires a qualification as comparable to the education level of an AQF Certificate III or higher. This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master and Doctoral level.

Relevant fields of study include:

- Certificate IV in Operating Theatre Technical Support (HILT47515)

Employment Tasks

Tasks include but are not limited to:

- Setting up, checking and maintaining operating theatres, anaesthetic workstations, life support machines and associated equipment
- transporting patients to and from the theatre and wards
- assisting in preparing operating rooms for surgery
- setting up, checking, connecting and adjusting
- provide technical assistance to surgeons, surgical nurses and anaesthetists
- cleaning and restocking the operating room, arranging instruments, supplies and equipment according to instruction
- positioning patients for surgical and anaesthetic treatments.



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