

Information sheet



MASSAGE THERAPIST

(ANZSCO Code: 411611)

Group C



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, Skills and Employment.
- » 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

A Massage Therapist performs therapeutic massage and administers body treatments for relaxation, health, fitness and remedial purposes.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- » Chinese (Tui-Na) Masseur
- » Remedial Masseur
- » Shiatsu Therapist
- » Sports Medicine Masseur
- » Thai Masseur

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- » Physiotherapist
- » Personal Assistant
- » Fitness Instructor
- » Beauty Therapist

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

Massage Therapist is a VETASSESS Group C occupation

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

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














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Qualification and employment criteria

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

GROUP C	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment			
	Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications*	Highly relevant employment duration**
1	 +	 +	N/A	 1 YEAR minimum
2	 +	No highly relevant major	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV level with highly relevant major	 1 YEAR minimum
3	 +	No highly relevant major	No additional highly relevant qualifications	 2 YEARS minimum
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group C occupations				
	Highly relevant employment duration**	With or without highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications*	Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level
4	 +  Within last 5 years	+ N/A	+ N/A	

* Additional qualifications in a highly relevant field of study include those comparable to the following levels:

- AQF Diploma
- AQF Advanced Diploma
- AQF Associate Degree or
- AQF Graduate Diploma

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

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minimum years of 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.

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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.



Qualification and employment criteria continued...

*If employment is prior to the completion of the qualification at the required level, an applicant must have at least one year of highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level within the last five years. The remaining three years of pre-qualifying period may be within the last ten years.

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

Qualification

AQF Diploma or higher qualification*

Highly relevant major fields of study include **Massage Therapy, Remedial Massage, Traditional Chinese Medicine Remedial Massage, Shiatsu and Oriental Therapies, Reflexology and Sports Massage.**

This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- » Massaging the soft tissues of the body, such as muscles, tendons and ligaments, to assist healing
- » Utilising a range of massage techniques to enhance sports performance and prevent injury
- » Administering treatments to promote relaxation, improve circulation and relieve muscle tension
- » Assessing and treating specific soft tissue dysfunction and providing rehabilitation advice
- » Employing other techniques, such as acupressure or Shiatsu, and complementary aids, such as infra-red lamps, wet compresses, ice, essential oils and herbal and mineral therapies, to assist recovery
- » Assessing a client's physical condition and case history and advising on stretching exercises and relaxation techniques

Employment information

Massage Therapists are often self-employed or working as a contractor for a massage clinic.

They also commonly work in the following industries:

- » Health and fitness industry (clinics, sports clubs and gymnasiums)
- » Sports industry (sporting teams, clubs and individual athletes)
- » Recreation and tourism industry (hotels, health resorts and retreats)
- » Medical and pharmaceutical industry (medical centres)

Supporting material for assessment

When applying for a Skills Assessment, please ensure you submit sufficient evidence supporting proof of identity, qualification and employment claims. A full list of the documents required can be found on the VETASSESS website under Eligibility Criteria.

If you are self-employed or working as a contractor, you are required to provide the following:

- a) Evidence of self-employment such as sole trading or business registration details and / or official statements issued by your (registered) accountant and / or legal team. The statement from your accountant or solicitor must include the accountant's or solicitor's letterhead, your full name, how long you have been continuously self-employed (including official dates in each role), the nature of the business conducted, and the signature and contact details of the accountant or solicitor.
- b) A statutory declaration listing your main duties during self-employment.
- c) Payment evidence showing regular income from self-employment, such as client invoices together with corresponding bank statements and / or official taxation records.
- d) Supplementary evidence, such as contracts with clients or suppliers, client testimonials, evidence of projects completed, or other documents that support your application.

As massage therapists may work irregular hours, applicants for this occupation are encouraged to submit a full set of payslips as evidence of their weekly working hours.

