



PRINT JOURNALIST

(ANZSCO Code: 212413)

Group B



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

Print Journalists collect and analyse facts about newsworthy events by interview, investigation and observation and write stories for newspapers, magazines or journals.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- » Columnist
- » Feature Writer
- » Leader Writer
- » Newspaper Reporter

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- » Copywriter
- » Newspaper or Periodical Editor
- » Radio Journalist
- » Technical Writer
- » Television Journalist
- » Journalists and Other Writers nec

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

Print Journalist is a VETASSESS Group B occupation.












This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree 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 B	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment							
	Minimum comparable Bachelor or higher degree AQF level***		With highly relevant major field of study		Additional highly relevant qualifications*		Highly relevant employment duration**	
1		+		+	N/A		+	
2		+	No highly relevant major	+	 Minimum AQF Diploma level with highly relevant major	+		
3		+	No highly relevant major	+	No additional highly relevant qualifications		+	
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group B occupations								
	Highly relevant employment duration**		With or without highly relevant major field of study		Additional highly relevant qualifications*		Comparable Bachelor degree AQF level	
4		+		+	N/A		+	
	Within last 5 years							

* 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

*** Bachelor degree or higher degree includes:

- AQF Master Degree or
- AQF Doctoral Degree

** 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 6 years of relevant employment required – five 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 five 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 Bachelor degree or higher degree*

This occupation requires a qualification in Journalism, Media Studies or Written Communication.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- » Journalism (the study of researching current affairs and events and other matters of interests and reporting them);
- » Media Studies (the study of the forms and effects of media including books, radio, film, television, photography, print, digital and electronic media);
- » Written Communication (the study of developing effective written communication skills).

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

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- » Collecting and analysing facts about newsworthy events from interviews, printed matter, investigations and observations;
- » Writing news reports, commentaries, articles and feature stories for newspapers, magazines and journals on topics of public interest;
- » Developing leads for news items and submitting news stories for approval;
- » Taking notes and reading publicity releases, copies of speeches or similar material to facilitate organisation and writing of stories;
- » Writing to meet deadlines, referring to reference books, newspaper files or other sources to secure additional facts;

- » Reading and evaluating news reports and suggestions for future stories;
- » Critically discussing daily news topics in the editorial columns of newspapers and reviewing books, films or plays;
- » Writing particular segments of publications, such as news commentaries or sports, fashion, or educational segments.

Employment information

What does 'Print Journalism' mean?

There are many different fields of journalism, such as Print/Online, Broadcast, Multimedia, and Photojournalism. Print Journalism refers to the writing of stories, news reports, commentaries and feature articles for newspapers, magazines and journals. This area of journalism includes both print editions, and digital/online publications. Columnists, Feature Writers, Leader Writers and Newspaper Reporters are all suitably assessed against the requirements of the Print Journalist occupation, whether their work is published in print or online.

Supporting material for assessment

Applicants nominating for this occupation are advised to provide any additional evidence to support employment claims, such as evidence of written work (newspaper/magazine/journal articles).

Self-employment

If you are self-employed, 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, 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, etc.

