

Information sheet



APIARIST/BEEKEEPER

(ANZSCO Code: 121311)

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, 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

Plans, organises, controls, coordinates and operates apiaries to produce honey, queen bee pollen, beeswax and royal jelly, breed queen bees and pollinate crops.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- » Bee Farmer
- » Honey Producer

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- » Mixed Crop and Livestock Farm Workers
- » Livestock Farm Workers
- » Crop Farm Workers

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

Apiarist/Beekeeper 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 IV or higher.

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














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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								
	Comparable Certificate III or IV AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications*	Highly relevant employment duration**					
1	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV	+		+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	 1 YEAR minimum		
2	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV	+	No highly relevant major	+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	 2 YEARS minimum		
3	 Minimum AQF Certificate III	+		+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	 2 YEARS minimum		
Pre-qualification methodology can apply to Group D occupations									
	Highly Relevant employment duration**	With or without highly relevant major field of study	Additional highly relevant qualifications*	Minimum comparable Certificate IV AQF level					
4	 3 YEARS minimum	+	 1 YEAR minimum	+	N/A	+	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

** 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.



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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

Highly relevant major fields of study include Beekeeping, Intensive Agriculture, Animal Science, Zoology and Entomology.

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- » Breeding and raising bees for the production of honey, queen bee pollen, beeswax and royal jelly, breed queen bees and pollinate crops;

- » Overseeing and undertaking breeding, feeding and nutrition programs;

- » Organising the sale, purchase and transportation of bees and produce;

- » Maintaining and evaluating records of farming activities, monitoring market activity and planning production accordingly;

- » Managing business capital including budgeting, taxation, debt and loan management.

Additional tasks may include:

- » May select, train and supervise staff and contractors;

- » Overseeing data collection and analysis and farm technology systems;

- » Monitoring and maintaining the health, welfare and condition of bees, including developing and overseeing strategies to manage biosecurity and other risks.

Employment information

Beekeepers, also known as Apiarists, are managers of beehives. They oversee the production of honey and related products (such as beeswax, pollen and royal jelly).

Beekeepers are usually individuals who enjoy physical work, being outdoors, as well as taking an interest in plants and insects. Being able to work independently and being willing to travel long distances (moving hives and transporting live bees) is an important part of the role. Most Beekeepers work in agriculture, forestry, manufacturing or commercial industries.

Licensing and/or registration may be required in certain states or territories.

Employment information

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.

For this occupation, you must also submit a completed farm list or portfolio. You can find a template for this on the VETASSESS website.

