

Information sheet



GEOLOGIST

(ANZSCO Code: 234411)

Group A



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 Geologist studies the composition, structure and other physical attributes of the earth to increase scientific knowledge and to develop practical applications in fields such as mineral exploitation, civil engineering, environmental protection and rehabilitation of land after mining.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- » Marine Geologist
- » Palaeontologist

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- » Geophysicist
- » Hydrogeologist
- » Earth Science Technician

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

Geologist is a VETASSESS Group A occupation

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of 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.

Applicants will not meet the required skill level if:

- » The qualification(s) are not at the required educational level
- » The qualification(s) are not in a highly relevant field of study
- » The employment has been completed prior to the completion of the qualification.

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






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Qualification and employment criteria

GROUP A	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment		
	Comparable Bachelor degree AQF level	With highly relevant major field of study	Relevant employment duration*
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Pre-qualification methodology does not apply to Group A occupations			

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

One year of post-qualification paid employment (20 hours or more per week) highly relevant to the nominated occupation, at an appropriate skill level in the last five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment.

Qualification

AQF Bachelor degree or higher degree. This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- » Geology
- » Applied Geology
- » Geophysics
- » Earth Sciences
- » Sedimentology
- » Petrology
- » Environmental Geoscience

Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- » Interpreting remote sensing data to identify geological formations and anomalous areas for prospective exploration
- » Examining and analysing geological specimens, rock cores, cuttings and samples using optical, chemical, electronic and mechanical techniques
- » Determining the economic viability of extracting mineral resources in cooperation with other professionals and the possible impact on the geological environment of development proposals
- » Determining the environmental impact of resource extraction proposals
- » Interpreting research data from laboratory studies or exploration and preparing geological reports and maps
- » Preparing or supervising the preparation of laboratory reports and scientific papers
- » Supervising the work of technical officers, technicians and survey hands.



Employment Information

Geology is the study of the Earth, including its history and composition, and of the dynamic systems that shape the Earth's surface. The types of industry a Geologist might be found in include mining, oil and gas exploration, civil engineering, city planning and construction, among others.

Marine Geologist

This is a subset of geologists who study the processes (such as plate tectonics, volcanic activity, and earthquakes) of the land form that is underneath the ocean.

Palaeontologist

A paleontologist is a scientist who studies the history of life on Earth through the fossil record.

Supporting material for assessment

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

You may provide additional evidence supporting your role, such as a summary brief for grant applications or similar projects, research articles or conference proceedings, laboratory reports, patents and a list of research projects outlining your responsibilities.

