VETASSESS

Information sheet

Veterinary Nurse

ANZSCO: 361311   **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

A Veterinary Nurse cares for animals under treatment or in temporary residence at veterinary facilities and assists Veterinarians to perform procedures and operations.

Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

> Animal Nurse
> Veterinary Assistant

Occupations not considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

> Veterinarian
> Pet Groomer
> Zoo Keeper

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

Veterinary Nurse 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 IV. Applicants can fulfil the assessment criteria for this occupation in one of four 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	Minimum AQF Certificate IV	+	+ 1 YEAR minimum
2	Minimum AQF Certificate IV	+ No highly relevant major	+ 2 YEARS minimum
3	Minimum AQF Certificate III	+	+ 3 YEARS minimum
	Pre-qualification Pathway		
	Highly Relevant employment duration*		**Minimum comparable Certificate IV AQF level**
4	3 YEARS minimum + 1 YEAR minimum Within last 5 years	+ With or without highly relevant major field of study	+ AQF

* 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

AQF Certificate III or IV or higher qualification. This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Diploma, Master and Doctoral level.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

> Veterinary Nursing

> Veterinary Medicine

> Animal Science and Behaviour.

Employment Tasks

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

> Holding animals to allow examination and treatment by veterinarians

> Cleaning and sterilising examination tables and equipment

> Preparing instruments and handing them to the veterinarian

> Assisting veterinarians to administer anesthetics and oxygen during operations

> Placing animals in cages for recovery from operations and monitoring their condition

> Giving medications to animals

> Maintaining stock control and records

> Providing animal care advice, and preparing, delivering, and reviewing animal care education programs.

Additional tasks may include:

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> Cleaning and sterilising examination tables and equipment.

Employment Information

Veterinary Nurses are employed in veterinary practices, animal hospitals and government and council animal health departments. A Veterinary Nurse may also be employed by a research institute to oversee animals within a study or research and development program.

This occupation usually requires on-the-job training or placement during undergraduate studies. These training periods are not considered at the required skill level for assessment purposes.

Veterinarians performing the duties of a Veterinary Nurse alongside higher level duties are not considered relevant under this occupation.

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