VETASSESS

Information sheet

Clinical Coder

ANZSCO: 599915	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 Clinical Coder designs codes to narrative descriptions of patients' diseases, operations and procedures in accordance with recognised classification systems to allow for easy storage, retrieval and analysis of health data.

Clinical Coder 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 higher.

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

This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the education level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate IV or higher and in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Health Information Management or Medical Records Management is a field of study that prepares individuals to plan, design, and manage systems, processes, and facilities used to collect, store, secure, retrieve, analyse, and transmit medical records and other health information used by clinical professionals and health care organisations.

Subjects in this field include:

> Applied Social Science
> Health Science
> Social Determinants of Health
> Perspectives of Health and Wellbeing
> Health Policy
> Health Services Management
> Human Biomedical and Clinical sciences
> Clinical Research Methodologies
> Applied Health Research
> Health Data Analysis
> Pathology and Pharmacology
> Office Management
> Health Information Management
> Health Classification and Clinical Coding
> Health Information Resources and Systems
> E-Healthcare
> Health Informatics
> Information Technology and Applications
> Data and Database Management
> Professional Standards.

Employment Tasks

It is essential for applicants to meet the following employment criteria:

> at least one year of post-qualification employment at an appropriate skill level,
> undertaken in the last five years,
> working 20 hours or more per week, and
> highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

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