

Information sheet

Diver

ANZSCO: 399911

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 diver swims underwater to undertake tasks such as seafood gathering, research, salvage and construction.

Occupations considered under this ANZSCO code:

- › Onshore Diver
- › Offshore Diver
- › Saturation Diver
- › Scientific Diver
- › Aquaculture Diver (Abalone Diver, Fisheries Diver, Pearl Diver)
- › Aquarium Diver
- › Defence Force Diver (Clearance Diver (Navy), Police Diver, Army Diver)
- › Hyperbaric Welder Diver

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- › Diving Instructor (Open Water)

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












Diver 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 four different ways.

Qualification and employment criteria

Applicants must have fulfilled at least one of the following four criteria (1– 4):

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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	+		+	
2	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV	+	No highly relevant major	+	
3	 Minimum AQF Certificate III	+		+	
Pre-qualification Pathway					
	Highly Relevant employment duration*				Minimum comparable Certificate IV AQF level
4	 +  Within last 5 years	+	With or without highly relevant major field of study	+	

* 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 Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- › Hyperbaric Operations

A current ADAS Diver Card will substitute for a formal qualification.

ADAS Diver Card

ADAS (Australian Diver Accreditation Scheme) is the world's foremost international commercial/occupational diver certification agency. For more information on an ADAS certification, applicants can contact ADAS directly:

<https://adas.org.au/adas-cards-explained/>

<https://adas.org.au/international-military-equivalents/>

Employment Information

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- › Perform work underwater such as construction, inspection, seafood gathering, research, salvage, etc.



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