

## Information sheet

# Fisheries Officer

ANZSCO: 311311

Group C

### 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

Inspects fishing vessels, gear, licences and catches to ensure that fisheries laws and regulations are obeyed.

### Occupations considered suitable under this ANZSCO code:

- › Fish Inspector
- › Boating and Fisheries Patrol Officer

### Fisheries Officer is a VETASSESS Group C occupation












This occupation requires a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma or higher.

In addition to this, applicants must have at least one year of post-qualification employment at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years in a field which is highly relevant to the nominated occupation. If employment is not post-qualification, then three additional years of highly relevant employment are required.

A positive assessment of both qualification level and employment duration is required for a positive Skills Assessment outcome.

# Qualification and employment criteria

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

GROUP C	Criteria for a positive Skills Assessment						
Post-qualification Pathways							
	Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level*		With highly relevant major field of study		Additional highly relevant qualifications**		Highly relevant employment duration***
1		+		+	N/A	+	
2		+	No highly relevant major	+	 Minimum AQF Certificate IV level with highly relevant major	+	
3		+	No highly relevant major	+	No additional highly relevant qualifications	+	
Pre-qualification Pathway							
	Highly Relevant employment duration***				Minimum comparable Diploma or higher AQF level*		
4		+		+	With or without highly relevant major field of study	+	
	Within last 5 years						

\* **AQF Diploma or higher includes:**

- AQF Advanced Diploma
- AQF Associate Degree
- AQF Bachelor Degree
- AQF Graduate Diploma
- AQF Master Degree
- AQF Doctoral Degree

\*\* **Additional qualifications in a highly relevant field of study include those comparable to the following levels:**

- AQF Certificate IV
- AQF Graduate Certificate

\*\*\* **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 at an appropriate skill level 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

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

Highly relevant qualifications would be in the field of:

- › Fisheries Compliance
- › Fisheries and Aquaculture
- › Natural Resource Management
- › Environmental science
- › Environmental management
- › Diploma in the Seafood Industry (Fisheries Compliance)
- › Diploma of Justice Studies.

With highly relevant employment, we could also consider criminal justice/criminology, or law.

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## Employment Tasks

Highly relevant tasks include, but not limited to:

- › May examine imported plants and animals, and products such as timber, seeds and dried fruits and make quarantine arrangements
- › May initiate or assist in legal action to enforce regulations, appear in court to give evidence in cases involving breaches of the regulations
- › Makes sure that commercial fishing regulations are obeyed
- › Patrolling and investigating waterways for unlawful fishing activities and the removal of protected marine life
- › Educating, advising and providing information on a wide range of topics relating to fish and their protection
- › Check that fish are sold through legal markets and that fish markets do not sell undersized fish
- › Assist in the supervision of shark nets
- › Assist other agencies by responding to emergency situations such as oil spills, the beaching of whales, and shark-related incidents
- › Keep vessels and equipment in good order
- › Produce statistical reports and undertake other clerical duties.
- › May initiate or assist in legal action to enforce regulations
- › Inspecting commercial and recreational fishers to ensure compliance with legislation
- › Inspecting wholesale and retail fish premises to ensure that fish are legally sourced.
- › Preparing briefs of evidence and prosecuting matters in court
- › Undertaking surveys to collect, analyse and prepare reports related to fisheries management issues
- › Promoting marine management programs and policies
- › Ensuring compliance within marine protected areas and reserves
- › Assisting in the execution of major operations which target illegal activities and conducting search warrants of premises, factories and restaurants
- › Providing advice to Fisheries management
- › Educating, advising and providing information to the community on a wide range of topics relating to fish and their protection, responsible fishing and regulation changes
- › Assisting with the delivery of education programs to angling clubs, schools, multicultural groups and other forums through informative talks and practical fishing sessions
- › Survey oyster, pearling, fishing and prawning leases to ensure regulations are observed
- › Responding to fishing offence reports and investigate alleged breaches of legislation.



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