



## Changes to VETASSESS assessment requirements for General Occupations from 1 January 2010

**VETASSESS** conducts assessments for over 200 occupations for people applying to migrate to Australia under the Commonwealth Government's General Skilled Migration (GSM) and Employer Nomination Schemes (ENS).

From the **1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010**, **VETASSESS** will be changing the requirements for assessment against these "Generalist Occupations" which are managerial, administrative, professional and associate professional occupations. The new assessment process will help to ensure that applicant's who meet the requirements under the new process are job ready and have the relevant skills and qualifications for employment in Australia in their nominated occupation.

From 2010, in order to receive a positive assessment, you will need:

- to hold a qualification which is assessed at the required educational level in a highly relevant field of study to the nominated occupation  
**and**
- at least one year of relevant employment for all occupations. For some occupations, if your qualification has a shortfall in content relevance either one or two additional years of employment is required

### Requirements for the new process

To assist you with your application VETASSESS has additional information on its website. Please see our website from mid November 2009 for the new requirements for each occupation, our self assessment tools and further information.

Below is a summary of the new requirements for each occupation which have been grouped according to the additional information that you need to provide.

#### **A Group \*\***

**A Group Occupations** require a qualification which is assessed at the level of an Australian Bachelor degree, in the same field as the nominated occupation. In addition to this, an applicant must have at least one year of relevant employment experience at an appropriate level.

Examples of some occupations in this group include:

- Agricultural Scientist
- Biochemist
- Chemist
- Geologist
- Life Scientists [nec]
- Teacher - Education Officer
- Teacher - Vocational Educational Teacher (non trades)
- Urban and Regional Planner



## **B Group** \*\*

**B Group Occupations** require a qualification which is assessed at the level of an Australian Bachelor degree, in a relevant field. In addition to this, the applicant must have at least one year of relevant employment experience at an appropriate level. Either two or three years of relevant employment experience will be required if the qualification/s is identified as having a shortfall in content relevance.

**\*\* For Group A and B occupation - If you are a recent Australian graduate requiring a Skills Assessment to apply for a Skilled – Graduate subclass (Temporary) 485 subclass visa, you may nominate a B Group occupation, but your Bachelor Degree level studies must be in a relevant field.**

Examples of some occupations in this group include:

- Advertising Specialist
- Construction Project Manager
- Environmental Health Officer
- Hotel or Motel Manager (Degree)
- Marketing Specialist
- Production Manager (Manufacturing)
- Research and Development Manager

## **C Group**

**C Group Occupations** require a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Diploma, in a relevant field. In addition to this, the applicant must have at least one year of relevant employment experience at an appropriate level. Two years of employment experience is required if the qualification/s has a shortfall in content relevance.

Examples of some occupations in this group include:

- Architectural Associate
- Building Associate
- Financial Investment Adviser
- Hotel or Motel Manager (Diploma)
- Office Manager
- Project or Program Administrator

## **D Group**

**D Group Occupations** require a qualification which is assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Certificate IV, in a relevant field. In addition to this, the applicant must have at least one year of relevant employment experience at an appropriate level. Two years of relevant employment experience is required if the qualification/s has a shortfall in content relevance.

Occupations in this group are:

- Building Associate Professionals (nec)
- Civil Engineering Technician
- Metallurgical and Materials Technician



**Recent Graduates with Australian Studies who intend to apply for a Skilled – Graduate (Temporary) visa (subclass 485)** *(Applies only to those who intend to apply under this visa).*

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship recognises that recent graduates with Bachelor Degree or above level qualifications may not have sufficient employment at the required level for a complete Skills Assessment from VETASSESS. For this reason, VETASSESS will offer a two - stage process for applicants who indicate they will be applying for this visa. The first stage will lead to a Skills Assessment which may only be used to support an application for a 485 visa.

To be eligible for this assessment you will need to

- have recently completed Australian studies (within the previous 6 months)
- be applying for the Skilled – Graduate (Temporary) visa (subclass 485)
- nominate an occupation from either Group A or Group B
- hold a qualification which is assessed as being at Australian Bachelor degree level (or higher), in a highly relevant field of study to your nominated occupation for Part 1 (Educational Assessment).

Once you have obtained at least 12 months of employment in the field of your nominated occupation, you may apply for Part 2 of the Skills Assessment which is the assessment of your employment. This will complete the Skills Assessment required for permanent migration under the General Skilled Migration Program or the Employer Nomination Scheme.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What if I want to apply before the changes?**

If you apply before the 31st of December, 2009, with all the relevant documents and payments, your application will be processed under the current guidelines. If your case is delayed due to missing documents or payments, you may be asked to apply under the new process.

VETASSESS recommends that you should submit your application and all relevant documents by the 18th of December 2009 to ensure that your application is processed under the current system otherwise the new criterion may apply.

### **I have obtained a successful assessment under the current guidelines. Will this still be accepted by DIAC?**

DIAC will continue to accept all VETASSESS Skill Assessments from both the old and new system provided that your nominated occupation remains on the Skilled Occupation List and VETASSESS is the designated assessing authority for that occupation. However, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship may ask you to have a current VETASSESS



assessment if there is a significant gap between the date of assessment and the date of applying for your visa.

**I started my Australian study this year and won't finish until next year; will the new process affect me?**

Yes. You will need to apply under the new system once you have successfully completed your studies.

VETASSESS requires evidence of course completion and eligibility to graduate for the assessment. If your course completion date is in 2010, you will need to complete the new process.

Applicants in Australia who have completed an Australian Bachelor degree or equivalent level Australian studies, who nominate a 50 point occupation will need to decide whether they are eligible to apply for the full Skills Assessment, or only a Part 1 assessment. The full assessment (assessment of qualification's and employment) is required to support an application for permanent migration. The Part 1 assessment is required to support an application for a Skilled – Graduate (Temporary) visa (subclass 485) and may only be used for this purpose. Please see above for more information on this.

For more information see <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration/485/>

**How much will it cost?**

Please see our website from mid November for more information about the new assessment process and the relevant fees.

**How long will the assessment take?**

Most assessments will be completed within eight weeks, however some can take longer. Qualifications from Pakistan and the People's Republic of China can take longer to complete.

**What are the new requirements?**

All occupations will be required to have a qualification in a field of study which is at the correct level, and in a field which is highly relevant to the nominated occupation, as well as a minimum of one year of employment in a highly relevant occupation. For some occupations, additional years of employment will be required if the qualification is at the required level but the major field of study does not match the nominated occupation.

Further information will be posted to our website in November.

**Related websites**

For more information on the General Skilled Migration program or the Employer Nomination Scheme, visit the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) website at

[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

**Did you know that VETASSESS publishes a free and regular e-newsletter with all the latest news and updates?** If you're interested in receiving these newsletters directly to your email inbox, subscribe now at <http://www.vetassess-news.com.au>

Please see our website from mid November for the list of occupations, fees, our self assessment tool and further information at <http://www.vetassess.com.au>.

Alternatively, you may also contact us at [migrate@vetassess.com.au](mailto:migrate@vetassess.com.au) or on 03) 9655 4801

Group A		
Level of Qualifications	Field of study	Work Experience
Qualification/s assessed at Australian Bachelor degree or Australian higher degree level	<b>with</b> a highly relevant major	<b>and</b> one year of relevant work experience/on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment
<b>Applicants must have all of the above in order to be assessed positively for Group A.</b>		

<b>GROUP A</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>ASCO</b>
2212-13	Accountant - Internal Auditor
2293-15	Actuary
2114-21	Agricultural Adviser
2114-19	Agricultural Scientist
2113-11	Anatomist or Physiologist
2399-11	Audiologist
2113-17	Biochemist
2113-13	Botanist
2513-17	Careers Counsellor
2123-11	Cartographer
2111-11	Chemist
2512-13	Community Worker
2513-79	Counsellors (nec)
2513-13	Drug and Alcohol Counsellor
2522-11	Economist
1293-79	Education Managers (nec)
2114-79	Environmental and Agricultural Science Professionals (nec)*
2114-11	Environmental Research Scientist
2119-15	Extractive Metallurgist
1293-13	Faculty Head*
2513-15	Family Counsellor
2114-13	Forester
2112-11	Geologist

2112-13	Geophysicist
2529-11	Historian
1299-13	Laboratory Manager
2121-13	Landscape Architect
2521-79	Legal Professionals (nec)*
2292-11	Librarian
2113-79	Life Scientists (nec)
2113-19	Marine Biologist
2119-19	Materials Scientist
2293-11	Mathematician
2119-13	Meteorologist
2515-11	Ministers of Religion*
2119-79	Natural and Physical Science Professionals (nec)
2322-11	Nurse - Nurse Educator*
2321-11	Nurse - Nurse Manager*
2322-13	Nurse - Nurse Researcher*
2399-13	Orthoptist
2399-15	Orthotist
2114-15	Park Ranger
2382-13	Pharmacist - Industrial Pharmacist
2119-17	Physical Metallurgist
2119-11	Physicist
1293-15	Regional Education Manager
2513-11	Rehabilitation Counsellor
1293-11	School Principal*
2529-79	Social Professionals (nec)
2114-17	Soil Scientist
2293-13	Statistician
2513-19	Student Counsellor*
2493-11	Teacher - Education Officer
2492-11	Teacher - English as a Second Language Teacher*
2414-79	Teacher - Special Education Teachers (nec)*
2414-11	Teacher - Special Needs Teacher*
2414-13	Teacher - Teacher of the Hearing Impaired*
2422-11	Teacher - Vocational Education Teacher (Non-trades)
2414-15	Teacher of the Sight Impaired*
2421-11	University Lecturer*
2421-13	University Tutor*
2523-11	Urban and Regional Planner
2113-15	Zoologist



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Group B		
Level of Qualifications	Field of study	Work Experience
Qualification/s assessed at Australian Bachelor degree or Australian higher degree level	<b>with</b> a highly relevant major	<b>and</b> one year of relevant work experience/on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment
<b>OR</b>		
Qualification/s assessed at Australian Bachelor degree or Australian higher degree level	<b>with</b> another qualification with a highly relevant major assessed at either AQF Diploma, AQF Advanced Diploma, Australian Associate Degree or Australian Graduate Diploma level	<b>and</b> two years relevant work experience/ on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment
<b>OR</b>		
Qualification/s assessed at Australian Bachelor degree or Australian higher degree level	<b>with</b> none of the above	<b>and</b> three years relevant work experience/on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment

GROUP B	
<b>2394-13</b>	Acupuncturist
<b>2221-17</b>	Advertising Specialist
<b>2299-15</b>	Archivist
<b>2536-11</b>	Art Director (Film, Television or Stage)*

<b>2491-11</b>	Art Teacher (Private)
<b>1296-13</b>	Artistic Director*
<b>2535-13</b>	Book Editor*
<b>2549-79</b>	Building Surveyor
<b>2299-79</b>	Business and Information Professionals (nec)
<b>1294-11</b>	Commissioned Defence Force Officer*
<b>1294-13</b>	Commissioned Fire Officer*
<b>1294-15</b>	Commissioned Police Officer*
<b>1212-11</b>	Company Secretary
<b>2537-17</b>	Composer*
<b>2549-11</b>	Conservator
<b>1191-11</b>	Construction Project Manager
<b>2534-19</b>	Copywriter
<b>2491-15</b>	Dance Teacher (Private)
<b>2538-13</b>	Dancer or Choreographer*
<b>2536-13</b>	Director (Film, Television, Radio or Stage)*
<b>2536-15</b>	Director of Photography*
<b>2491-17</b>	Drama Teacher (Private)
<b>2534-11</b>	Editor
<b>2549-13</b>	Electorate Officer
<b>1299-17</b>	Environment, Parks and Land Care Manager
<b>2543-13</b>	Environmental Health Officer
<b>2533-11</b>	Fashion Designer
<b>2536-17</b>	Film and Video Editor*
<b>2533-13</b>	Graphic Designer
<b>2299-11</b>	Health Information Manager
<b>3323-11</b>	Hotel or Motel Manager (Degree level)
<b>2533-19</b>	Illustrator
<b>1192-11</b>	Importer or Exporter*
<b>2533-15</b>	Industrial Designer
<b>2291-15</b>	Industrial Relations Officer
<b>2537-15</b>	Instrumental Musician*
<b>2299-19</b>	Intelligence Officer
<b>2533-17</b>	Interior Designer
<b>2534-79</b>	Journalists and Related Professionals (nec)
<b>2295-13</b>	Land Economist
<b>2294-11</b>	Management Consultant
<b>1193-11</b>	Manufacturer*
<b>2221-15</b>	Market Research Analyst
<b>2221-13</b>	Marketing Specialist
<b>1296-11</b>	Media Producer*
<b>1292-13</b>	Medical Administrator

<b>2549-21</b>	Museum or Gallery Curator
<b>2537-11</b>	Music Director*
<b>2491-13</b>	Music Teacher (Private)
<b>2394-11</b>	Naturopath
<b>2543-11</b>	Occupational Health and Safety Officer
<b>2549-17</b>	Oenologist
<b>2294-13</b>	Organisation and Methods Analyst
<b>2531-11</b>	Painter (Visual Arts)*
<b>2549-15</b>	Patents Examiner
<b>2291-13</b>	Personnel Consultant
<b>2291-11</b>	Personnel Officer
<b>2532-11</b>	Photographer*
<b>2299-17</b>	Policy Analyst
<b>1291-11</b>	Policy and Planning Manager
<b>2531-15</b>	Potter or Ceramic Artist*
<b>2534-13</b>	Print Journalist
<b>1222-11</b>	Production Manager (Manufacturing)
<b>1222-13</b>	Production Manager (Mining)
<b>2536-21</b>	Program Director (Radio or Television)*
<b>1191-13</b>	Project Builder
<b>2221-11</b>	Public Relations Officer
<b>2294-15</b>	Quality Assurance Manager
<b>2534-17</b>	Radio Journalist
<b>2539-11</b>	Radio Presenter*
<b>2299-13</b>	Records Manager
<b>2549-19</b>	Recreation Officer
<b>1299-11</b>	Research and Development Manager
<b>2222-11</b>	Sales Representative (Industrial Products)
<b>2222-13</b>	Sales Representative (Information and Communication Products)
<b>2222-15</b>	Sales Representative (Medical and Pharmaceutical Products)
<b>2535-15</b>	Script Editor*
<b>2531-13</b>	Sculptor*
<b>2537-13</b>	Singer*
<b>1299-79</b>	Specialist Managers (nec)*
<b>1299-19</b>	Sports Administrator
<b>2536-19</b>	Stage Manager*
<b>2491-79</b>	Teacher - Extra-systemic Teachers (nec)*
<b>2536-23</b>	Technical Director*
<b>2222-79</b>	Technical Sales Representatives (nec)
<b>2534-21</b>	Technical Writer
<b>2534-15</b>	Television Journalist
<b>2539-13</b>	Television Presenter*



<b>2291-17</b>	Training Officer
<b>2295-11</b>	Valuer
<b>2531-79</b>	Visual Arts and Crafts Professionals (nec)*
<b>1299-15</b>	Welfare Centre Manager
<b>1192-13</b>	Wholesaler*

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Group C		
Level of Qualifications	Field of study	Work Experience
A qualification assessed at AQF Diploma/AQF Advanced Diploma/Australian Associate Degree level.	<b>with</b> a highly relevant major or another qualification assessed at least at AQF Certificate IV level with a highly relevant major	<b>and</b> one year of relevant work experience/on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment
<b>OR</b>		
A qualification assessed at AQF Diploma/AQF Advanced Diploma/Australian Associate Degree level.	<b>without</b> a highly relevant major	<b>and</b> two years relevant work experience/ on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment

GROUP C	
<b>3493-11</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker
<b>3112-17</b>	Agricultural Technical Officer *
<b>2541-13</b>	Air Traffic Controller*
<b>3491-11</b>	Ambulance Officer
<b>3121-13</b>	Architectural Associate
<b>3211-11</b>	Branch Accountant (Financial Institution)



<b>3121-11</b>	Building Associate
<b>3121-17</b>	Building Inspector
<b>3112-11</b>	Chemistry Technical Officer
<b>3212-17</b>	Commodities Trader
<b>3492-13</b>	Dental Hygienist
<b>3492-11</b>	Dental Therapist
<b>3421-17</b>	Disabilities Services Officer
<b>3112-13</b>	Earth Science Technical Officer*
<b>3421-19</b>	Family Support Worker
<b>3212-79</b>	Financial Dealers and Brokers (nec)
<b>3211-13</b>	Financial Institution Branch Manager
<b>3213-11</b>	Financial Investment Adviser
<b>3212-15</b>	Financial Market Dealer
<b>2541-17</b>	Flight Engineer*
<b>2541-15</b>	Flight Service Officer*
<b>2541-19</b>	Flying Instructor*
<b>3212-13</b>	Futures Trader
<b>3993-19</b>	Gymnastics Coach*
<b>3993-25</b>	Horse Riding Coach*
<b>3323-11</b>	Hotel or Motel Manager (Diploma level)
<b>3212-19</b>	Insurance Broker
<b>3491-13</b>	Intensive Care Ambulance Paramedic
<b>3999-11</b>	Interior Decorator
<b>3997-11</b>	Library Technician
<b>3112-15</b>	Life Science Technical Officer*
<b>3494-11</b>	Massage Therapist
<b>2542-13</b>	Master Fisher (40 pts as on SOL and ASRI)
<b>3129-15</b>	Mine Deputy
<b>3999-13</b>	Museum or Art Gallery Technician
<b>3291-11</b>	Office Manager
<b>3993-27</b>	Other Sports Coach*
<b>3421-11</b>	Parole or Probation Officer
<b>3121-21</b>	Plumbing Engineering Associate
<b>3121-19</b>	Plumbing Inspector
<b>3991-11</b>	Primary Products Inspector
<b>3292-11</b>	Project or Program Administrator
<b>3293-13</b>	Property Manager
<b>3293-11</b>	Real Estate Agency Manager
<b>3293-15</b>	Real Estate Salesperson
<b>3421-15</b>	Residential Care Officer
<b>3992-11</b>	Safety Inspector
<b>3994-11</b>	Senior Non-Commissioned Defence Force Officer*



<b>3993-29</b>	Sports Development Officer*
<b>3212-11</b>	Stockbroking Dealer
<b>3121-15</b>	Surveying and Cartographic Associate
<b>3993-23</b>	Swimming Coach*
<b>3993-21</b>	Tennis Coach*
<b>3421-13</b>	Youth Worker

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Group D		
Level of Qualifications	Field of study	Work Experience
A qualification assessed at least at AQF Certificate IV level.	<b>with</b> a highly relevant major	<b>and</b> one year of relevant work experience/on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment
<b>OR</b>		
A qualification assessed at AQF Certificate IV level.	<b>without</b> a highly relevant major	<b>and</b> two years relevant work experience/ on-the-job training completed in the five years before the date of application for a Skills Assessment

GROUP D	
<b>3129-79</b>	Building Associate Professionals (nec)
<b>3122-13</b>	Civil Engineering Technician
<b>3129-13</b>	Metallurgical and Materials Technician