

Pharmacy Technician (ANZSCO Code: 311215)

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, Skills and Employment.

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

Pharmacy Technicians fill and label patients' prescriptions under the supervision of a Pharmacist. May record details of, place orders for, take stock of, and store medications and medical supplies and deliver them to patients.

Alternative Title:

- Dispensary Technician

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- Hospital Pharmacist
- Retail Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Sales Assistant

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

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Requirements for Skills Assessment

Pharmacy Technician 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 IV or higher, in a field highly relevant to the nominated occupation.

Applicants must also have at least one year of highly relevant, post-qualification employment, at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years.

Or alternatively, a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate III in a highly relevant field of study and at least three years of post-qualification highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years;

Or alternatively, a qualification assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate IV or higher qualification without a highly relevant field of study and at least two years of post-qualification highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years.

Applicants will not meet the required skill level if:

- the qualification(s) are not at the required educational level;
- all of the employment is before the qualifications assessed at the AQF Certificate III or Certificate IV level, unless they also have three years of highly relevant employment in addition to at least one year of highly relevant employment at an appropriate skill level completed in the last five years.

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

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Qualification

AQF Certificate IV or higher qualification*

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

- Pharmacy
- Community Pharmacy
- Community Pharmacy Dispensary
- Hospital / Health Services Pharmacy Support

*This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor, Graduate Diploma, Master and Doctoral level.

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Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- referring prescriptions to Pharmacists and assisting in preparing medications
- filling and labelling patients' prescriptions under the supervision of a Pharmacist
- recording details of, placing orders for, taking stock of, and storing medications and medical supplies and delivering them to patients

Other tasks may include:

- compounding products under the supervision of a Pharmacist
- managing stock levels and inventory in pharmacies or on wards
- assisting with medication audits, reports and reviews
- supporting clinical Pharmacists in their routine work, such as screening patients or gathering information for Pharmacist review

In Australia, there are currently no legal requirements for licensing or registration for the occupation of Pharmacy Technician.