

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT (ANZSCO Code 234312)

The following Information Sheet is for your reference only and should be used as a guide to assist with understanding the Skills Assessment application requirements. This information is subject to change.

Please note that an 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 and Training.

The skills 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

Environmental Consultants analyse and advise on policies guiding the design, implementation and modification of government or commercial environmental operations and programs.

Alternative Titles:

Environmental Adviser

Environmental Auditor

Environmental Officer

Closely related occupations in ANZSCO Unit Group 2343:

- Conservation Officer
- Environmental Research Scientist
- Park Ranger
- Environmental Scientists nec

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Requirements for Skills Assessment

This occupation requires a qualification that is assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree or higher degree*.

In addition to this, applicants must possess at least one year of highly relevant post-qualification employment, at an appropriate skill level, in the last five years. If the qualification(s) are not at the required educational level, and/or not in a highly relevant field of study, or if the employment has been completed prior to the qualification, then the overall assessment outcome will be negative.

A positive assessment of both qualifications and employment is required for a positive Skills Assessment Outcome.

*This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level. VETASSESS does not currently accept relevant studies at Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma levels on their own.

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Qualification

AQF Bachelor degree or higher*

Highly relevant fields of study include:

- Environmental Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Maritime and Coastal Engineering
- Ecology
- Conservation Science
- Climate Science
- Environmental Policy and Management

Environmental Studies is the study of the relationships between living organisms and the natural, rural, industrial and urban environments. It includes the study of the impact humans have upon the natural environment.

Environmental science is an interdisciplinary field that integrates physical, biological and information sciences to study the environment and the solution of environmental problems.

The qualifications listed below are accepted on a case-by-case basis if preceding at least one year of highly relevant consulting work in that specific field of study.

- Marine Biology
- Zoology
- Geophysics
- Biology
- Spatial Science
- Agricultural Engineering
- Environmental Chemistry
- Geography / Geology

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Employment

Highly relevant tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Carrying out environmental impact assessments for a wide range of development projects
- Proposing solutions to address negative environmental impact
- Studying and analysing pollution, atmospheric conditions, demographic characteristics, ecology, mineral, soil and water samples

Additional tasks may include:

- Takes part in response to emergencies, such as chemical spills and incidents
- Negotiates with, and provides advice to industry, government departments and the public on environmental matters such as the management, re-use or disposal of hazardous materials
- Assists in developing policies, strategies and codes of practice on environmental management
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Employment context

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

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An Environmental Consultant will generally work within a consultancy business that may include environmental consultancy as one of its fields of endeavour. They may also be employed in specialist environmental consultancy or be an independent consultant. Any one of these employment contexts will be accepted. Environmental Consultants may consult for mining, government, oil and gas, manufacturing, construction, logistics and more.

Environmental Science is multidisciplinary; therefore, consultants may be engaged in any one or more of the following areas:

- Contaminated sites assessment and remediation
- Hydrological assessment and recommendation
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Ecological surveys
- Flora and fauna surveys
- Air and noise measurement and assessment
- Climate change relating to project environment
- HSE systems and Industrial Hygiene assessments
- Demolition and decommissioning
- Waste management
- Spatial surveys
- Green Buildings (Green Star ratings)

Employment not considered under this ANZSCO code

The occupation of environmental scientists differ from environmental consultants, with the primary responsibility of the former is to develop the underpinning science and the later to advise on the possible impacts and solutions.

If working within a company responsible for developing and managing the company's environmental policies, strategies and systems they will not fall under the consultant banner, they are a better fit for Environmental Manager.