

UNIVERSITY LECTURER (ANZSCO Code: 242111)

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 and Training.

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

Lectures students and conducts tutorials in one or more subjects within a prescribed course of study at a university and conducts research in a particular field of knowledge.

Occupations not considered under this ANZSCO code:

- University Tutor
- Vocational Education Teacher (non-trades)
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other languages

These occupations are classified elsewhere in ANZSCO.

This position may also be suitable for a Research Associate or Research Fellow in a University.

Within Australia, a Research Associate or Research Fellow is a professional academic, who has completed post-doctoral studies. A Research Fellow or Research Associate should demonstrate that they have undertaken independent academic research which contributes to their field of expertise.

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Requirements for Skills Assessment

University Lecturer is a VETASSESS Group A occupation.

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

If the qualification(s) are not at the required educational level, and not in a highly relevant field of study, or if the employment has been completed prior to the qualification, then the applicant will be assessed below the required skill level.

*This includes qualifications assessed at AQF Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level.

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

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Qualification

AQF Bachelor degree or higher degree*

This occupation requires a qualification in a university academic discipline of high relevance to the required teaching and research specialisation.

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Employment

Highly relevant tasks include:

- preparing and delivering lectures, and conducting tutorials, seminars and laboratory sessions
- preparing and marking essays, assignments and examinations
- advising students on academic and related matters
- attending departmental and faculty meetings, conferences and seminars
- supervising work programs of postgraduate and honours students and tutorial staff
- participating in setting course and degree requirements, curriculum revision and academic planning
- serving on council, senate, faculty and other committees and professorial boards
- conducting research and undertaking consultancies in a particular field of knowledge
- stimulating and guiding class discussions

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Employment information

Applicants with the position title 'University Lecturer', but with no research duties, would not meet the criteria of this occupation. Teaching duties alone, such as the preparation and presentation of lectures, will not meet the skill level for positive assessment.

Affiliated Colleges:

Employment which has been held at an Affiliated College of a University (e.g. in the subcontinent) can be accepted for this occupation provided that the applicant can demonstrate that they were conducting research at an appropriate skill level (e.g. contribution to scholarly journals or having undertaken published research work).

Paid study leave:

For University Lecturers who are on paid study leave (remains on the payroll) to pursue a course of studies or to undertake research connected to the role in which their employment experience is assessed as highly relevant, the employment period for study leave may be considered. **Only paid study leave at full pay is to be accepted as appropriate remuneration.**

Scholarly research:

Scholarly research is one of the primary areas of engagement for University Lecturers. In order to be classified as 'Scholarly Research', the work should reflect the following attributes:

- Scientific / scholarly investigation that arrives at the discovery of facts/conclusion;
- Empirical processes take precedence over judgement;
- Contains a bibliography (academic and not generic sources like magazines);
- Caters to a specific audience (the author will assume that the reader has a certain level of knowledge about the field and the topic at hand);
- Published by university presses or professional organisations;
- Academic journals are usually published monthly or quarterly.

Supporting material for assessment

Applicants nominating this occupation are advised to provide evidence of their academic research, which may include verifiable evidence of published articles in peer-reviewed journals.