

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 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 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

Pharmacists are advised to contact the Australian Pharmacy Council for assessment as a Pharmacist for migration purposes.

Requirements for Skills Assessment

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

A qualification at AQF Diploma level which is not in the highly relevant field together with an additional Certificate IV with a highly relevant major may be considered on a case-by-case basis to meet the educational requirements. In addition to this, applicants must have at least three years of highly relevant post-qualification employment in the last five years.

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

Qualification

AQF Diploma or higher

Highly relevant major fields of study include:

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

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN (ANZSCO Code: 311215)

Employment

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.

Tasks include:

- referring prescriptions to Pharmacists and assisting in preparing medications
- filling and labelling patients' prescriptions under the supervision of a Pharmacist
- record details of, place orders for, take stock of, and store medications and medical supplies and deliver 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.