

Skills Assessment Pilots

The Australian Government has introduced three Skills Assessment Pilots to provide greater opportunities for onshore migrants to join the workforce and address skills shortages.

Pilot 1 – Faster Migrant Skills Assessments (concluded in June 2022).

Pilot 2 – Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants (open and accepting applications until 16 February 2024)

Pilot 3 – Employability Assessments (concluded in December 2023).

Pilot 2 – Skills Assessment Opportunities for Migrants

AITSL can offer free and fast-tracked assessments of the skills and qualifications of skilled migrants who are ready to commence skilled employment as teachers in the following occupations:

- Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher (ANZSCO 241111)
- Primary School Teacher (ANZSCO 241213)
- Secondary School Teacher (ANZSCO 241411)
- Special Needs Teacher (ANZSCO 241511)
- Teacher of the Hearing Impaired (ANZSCO 241512)
- Teacher of the Sight Impaired (ANZSCO 241513)
- Special Education Teachers (nec) (ANZSCO 241599)

Having your skills assessed as suitable for Australian workplaces will improve chances of getting a job. Businesses and employers will have the confidence that you have the skills they need to do the job.

Please note that this assessment is for employment and not migration purposes. The steps for a skills assessment for migration are outlined [here](#).

Am I eligible?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- have skills, experience and/or qualifications in an [eligible occupation](#)
- not have received a skills assessment in the occupation
- be currently residing in Australia

- hold an eligible family, partner, humanitarian or refugee [visa, or is a secondary entrant to a skilled visa holder](#)
- have held that visa from 1 January 2016.

Please contact the Teacher Migration Services and Support team at AFM2@aitsl.edu.au if you believe you are eligible to apply. We will send you the eligibility checklist and application form to complete.

For more information on this pilot, including translated fact sheets, please visit [Skills Assessment Pilots](#) and [Fact Sheets and FAQs](#)

Other information

How long will it take?

It should take about 15 business days to complete your assessment once we have received all the information required from you.

Are there free skills assessments for non-teaching occupations?

Check this [list](#) for other occupations. Contact the assessing authority listed against the occupation to check if you qualify for a free assessment.

Pilot 3 – Employability Assessments

Pilot 3 offers a free employability assessment and access to subsidised training for migrants who have already received a suitable skills assessment outcome as a teacher but are currently working below this skill level in the following occupations:

- Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher (ANZSCO 241111)
- Primary School Teacher (ANZSCO 241213)
- Secondary School Teacher (ANZSCO 241411)
- Special Needs Teacher (ANZSCO 241511)
- Teacher of the Hearing Impaired (ANZSCO 241512)
- Teacher of the Sight Impaired (ANZSCO 241513)
- Special Education Teachers (nec) (ANZSCO 241599)

Am I eligible?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- have received a suitable skills assessment outcome on, or after 1 April 2019 from AITSL and have held the suitable skills assessment outcome for at least 12 months
- be seeking an Employability assessment in the [occupation](#) for which you received a suitable skills assessment
- be in paid employment below your skill level. For example, working as an early childhood carer when you were found suitable as an Early Childhood Teacher or as a Teacher Assistant when you were found suitable as a Primary teacher
- have worked a minimum of 30 hours per fortnight within the last month (can be a mix of paid and study and/or volunteer and/or internship work and can be with more than one employer)
- be currently residing in Australia
- hold an eligible [permanent visa subclass](#)
- not be registered as job seeker or have an active referral with Workforce Australia, Disability Employment Services or the Community Development Program
- have not previously completed or withdrawn from a Pilot 3 assessment.

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