Consultations underway to update the ANZSCO

What is ANZSCO and why is it important?

The Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) is a method of classifying occupations within the Australian and New Zealand labour markets.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) assigns each occupation a title, description and skill level. These occupations are then included in government data collections, including the census, that provide information about the workforce.

This information is then used by all levels of government in Australia to inform which job roles receive government support and the kind of support they need.

The data collected in the ANZSCO informs decision making related to:

- listing occupations for skilled migration visa programs
- the apprentice system
- policies and programs to address skills shortages
- analyses of labour market trends and workforce planning
- tracking and addressing occupational health and safety risk factors.

As a Jobs and Skills Council (JSC) Skills Insight is committed to improving workforce, skills and training outcomes for the agribusiness, fibre and furnishing industries. Facilitating industry input that helps improve the ANZSCO has various benefits, because when ANZSCO occupations are updated accurately they may then become eligible for government support programs and subsidies.

Your feedback is important

Throughout 2023-24, the occupations within the ANZSCO are being reviewed by groups of similar occupation, with the current round featuring occupations across most of the industries Skills Insight works with, including **agriculture**, **horticulture**, **forestry**, **fishing**, **aquaculture**, **meat processing**, **racing and breeding**, **animal care and management**, **furnishing**, **textiles**, **clothing and footwear**. Other occupations relating to these industries may also feature in previous or future rounds of consultation.

The current round of consultations is taking place from 10 October – 5 December 2023. The ABS is particularly interested in understanding:

- what occupations have evolved, been replaced, or changed?
- whether skill requirements have shifted over time?
- if there are any emerging fields or unique jobs that you believe will be prevalent in shape the future?

Provide input either directly through the ABS website or by contributing to a submission being prepared by Skills Insight by emailing contact@skillsinsight.com.au by COB Monday 20 November.

To help you have your say, Skills Insight is hosting an online information session with input from the ABS.

Date: 9 November 2023

Time: 1-2pm

Register at: skillsinsight.com.au/industries/ANZSCO