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Changing Career

Many people change their career to get more money, promotion and job security as well as a more interesting and varied job.

You need to think over your options carefully and look at the benefits and downsides of your current job to see whether it really is worth taking the risk and moving on.

Every job has its downsides so do not resign over a problem which could be resolved by talking to your supervisor or manager. However, you may have a job which you really dislike and so will need a career change.

Go through the checklist to see what steps you need to take when finding a new career:

Checklist

- Compile a list of the activities you carry out in your current job that you like and dislike. This helps you to identify what you may like to do and what you want to avoid.
- Produce a list of what motivates you and what your interests are
- Search for information on jobs which suit your interests and abilities. Find out what skills are needed for the kind of jobs you are interested in. Would you be prepared to work part-time or do an evening course to gain the relevant skills?
- You could carry out temporary work to see what kind of work you like and whether it is what you are really interested in. It also helps you to gain some experience and therefore improves your chances of being employed in a similar job.
- You could carry out part-time work or voluntary work in your new career area while still keeping your current job. Then, if you change your mind, you will still have your old job to fall back on.
- You may have to take a cut in salary in your new job for the short term. However, if this is where your interests lie then it should not matter so much. Once you have been there a while and have gained more experience and skills perhaps you will see your salary rise.



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