

Get the Job You Want

It may not seem like it, but the economy is recovering, albeit slowly. This year, more companies are looking to recruit new people. Now may be the time to evaluate your current employment situation and to seek out new and exciting opportunities.

Changing jobs just for the sake of change is not the best strategy. The first step is to decide what you really want to do. Studies have shown that those who are happiest in their work have two things going for them: they enjoy what they do, and they are good at it.

Take a piece of paper and on the left hand side, write down all the things you enjoy doing, at home and at work. Then on the right hand side, write down all the things you know you are good at. It may look something like this:

Things I enjoy:

- Meeting new and interesting people
- Achieving goals
- Working in a team environment
- Clothes shopping
- Travel

Things I'm good at:

- Relating well to others
- Formulating plans
- Following through on tasks
- Time management

Now think about what kind of job would suit the preferences on your list the best. In this example, a good fit may be working in the fashion industry as a sales rep or buyer.

Once you have an achievable goal in mind, set a realistic deadline, and ask yourself what you need to do to get your ideal job. Do you need additional qualifications? Do you need to acquire new skills? Do you need to know people in the industry? Now think about how you can incorporate these strategies into your plan. It may take some time and effort, as well as sacrifice, but if it means you can move into a job that gives you real satisfaction and happiness, it's worth it.

When it comes to applying for a job, make sure to tailor your CV specifically for the position you are going for. Your CV should be concise, relevant, and professional. Employers see your CV as a reflection of how you work.

During the interview, presentation is important, so it pays to look your best. When answering questions, try to find a balance between giving short yes and no answers, and long rambling stories. Only talk about what is relevant to the question being asked.

If you really want a better job, it's up to you to make it happen.