

Step 9 Reality Test 2

Aim of Step 9: To reality test your preferred career options

Introduction:

It's all very well to wish to pursue a career option, but in reality the pursuit of certain options may be extremely difficult or virtually impossible.

For instance;

- It is not always wise to pursue a career in an area that is in decline and where the market is flooded with unemployed job seekers with good qualifications in the sector.
- If you need to up skill are there courses and training available locally, and/or are they affordable?

It is well to research your preferred career options with a view to answering the above and other questions before deciding to invest your time effort and perhaps money.

If you do decide that pursuing your preferred option is viable, ask yourself 'Am I prepared to do what it takes to achieve this career goal?'

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Objectives:

- Know whether or not your preferred career options are realistic
- Have identified up-skill or added qualification requirements necessary to enable you to pursue your preferred option
- Have identified courses and training that enable you to acquire necessary skills and qualifications

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Step 9

Step 9 is Part 2 of a 2 Step Reality Testing Process

Step 9: Considers the viability of your career choices in the real world

To complete this exercise properly you will need to put some time into researching your preferred sectors, up skilling options, qualifications and courses.

To simply answer the questions as an opinion will not serve your purpose well.



Instructions:

- Follow the link at the bottom right of this page - to the tool template
- Print off as many copies of the template as occupations you wish to reality test
- Answer the questions on the template using research where possible

On Completing the template(s)

Please go to your Career Development Plan and transfer relevant sections

You are also strongly advised to explore your preferred career options with regard to welfare benefits using the Welfare related tools in Step 8.

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Career Option

Career Title:
Describe the role:
In your opinion, is the sector expanding, contracting, stable?
What are the minimum qualifications required to work in this sector?
What skills are required?
What relevant qualifications do I currently have?
What qualifications do I need?
What do I have already in terms of knowledge, skills or otherwise that are an asset to me in terms of this career choice?
Is there a skills gap?
How can I fill that skills gap?
What courses/training are available to give me the necessary qualifications and skills?
Name the course:
Name the course provider and course location:
When does the course start?
When does it end?
What are there entry requirements to the courses?
Do I have the entry requirements?
Name others you know in this sector:
Who or where can I go to get more information?

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