

## Why your next job is important

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### Synopsis

If you are tired of your current job, yearn for something different or feel you are drifting, then this article will help you to assess your situation. Doing the wrong work or enduring a job is a waste of your talents and potential. This article will help you discover what it is you want from work and what steps you could take to land that dream job.

### How to ...

How to take stock of your current job and situation.

How to decide what you need in your dream job.

How to go about getting your dream job.

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### Introduction

Cloning aside, there is only one you and this life is not a rehearsal. Sounds a tad morbid and melodramatic but then so is being in the wrong job. Try too hard to make you and the job fit, when clearly they don't, and both you and the job are bound to suffer. There is another way. Take the path of the self-appointed career coach. Coach yourself towards your dream job.

Take stock of your situation. Even if your present job fails on many counts risking the few crumbs of 'stability' it does provide is not to be taken lightly. On one level that makes perfect sense. I invite you, however, to challenge that thinking.

In today's economy every business is subject to rapid and continuous change. The very stability you think you have today could be gone tomorrow. Mergers and acquisitions occur daily, the direction changes with the wind and new brooms want to sweep clean. Too much emphasis on the 'stability-giving' aspects could be holding you back, throwing up a smoke screen that cloud your thinking. Avoiding taking positive action now could prove to be a big risk to your career in the months and years to come.