

## Improving your chances of landing a better job.

How can we improve our chances of landing that job we want so badly?

There are a few things we can do, but the most important one would be understanding that we need to change a few things within ourselves.

If landing a great job was only about education, then everyone that is well educated would be in a great job right.

We all know that is not true, there are literally millions of people out there with some amazing degrees stuck in some shitty jobs.

You can feel a bit better about yourself, knowing that it's not only you that is struggling to land that great job.

So this job you want, does it have a title, job description etc. or is it a job you have made up in your mind?

If it's a standard everyday job with a title and job description, then that's OK at least you will be able to find out what you need as far as skill level and education requirements go.

That would be your first step, research the position.

You don't want to be pursuing a job, that is beyond your level or will end up costing you too much, to the extent that you need to go back to university for another ten years. Well unless you really want the job and are willing to do that in which case you certainly know what you want and don't need to read any further.

**But if that's not the case** and the education requirement is strict, then there is no point in applying for the job. However I will say, if you have been working with someone that holds the position you want, you know the job very well and it is going to become available or the company is looking for a second person.

Sometimes companies will make exceptions, when they know and trust a staff member. Take the chance and apply for the job, or if you are nervous get that person to mentor you, until you can apply for that job.

If you are applying for a job at another company, then there are a few other things that one can do to improve the odds of landing the job.

I have included a link here for you, this is a great article and will definitely help you

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https://www.visualcv.com/how-to-get-a-better-job/](https://www.visualcv.com/how-to-get-a-better-job/)

The other thing one needs to consider these days is that our jobs are no longer the secure places they used to be.

Not that I believe any job was ever as secure or as good as it should have been.

Many years ago in the industrial age we were told, go to school, go to college or university, get a job, work for forty years and then go on pension. In fact they had the cheek to call it a pension dream. Well I have yet to meet the pensioner living a dream, more like a NIGHTMARE I would say.

So what did the industrial age do for us? **Nothing**

There is no longer this thing about being loyal to a company and them looking after you. When machinery started replacing workers in the late 1970's, did the companies say, these guys have been so loyal we will keep them on. NO

Hence we have 7.3 million unemployed people in our country looking for jobs that no longer exist.

But the real reason they are unemployed is that they failed to do any self development during the years when they were employed, they failed to look for ways to move up the ladder and change career paths.

The scary fact is, the next wave of unemployment is sweeping around the world as we speak, are you going to sit there and watch it steal your job, or are you going to start with self development today.

It doesn't matter what job you are in, you need to take a look around do some research and figure out how you can stay ahead of this wave of unemployment. If you don't you will be saying exactly what your parents are saying today, I got retrenched and there was nothing I could do about it. Just look at the miserable pension I am getting, I gave forty years of my life to that company, for what? We were all warned, during the 70's and 80's, that our jobs would be taken by machinery and computers. We did nothing, we ignored the warnings, don't let the same thing happen to you.

If you love your job, that's great. But then look for other ways to earn a second or third income.

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