

Is the job better than your current one?

No

Yes

Not Sure?

Is it the kind of job you would be happy doing/can see yourself in possibly permanently?

Do you have the necessary skills to stand a chance of success?

Points to consider when thinking about a position...

- Is the **salary** what you had in mind?
- Is the **location** practical/would you be willing to commute?
- Are **promotion prospects** good enough for your future plans?
- How **stable/secure** is the vacancy?

No

Yes

No

Yes

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No

No

Yes

This job **doesn't seem to be the one for you**. You may better off putting your efforts into an application for a more suitable job.

This may not be a great job in terms of salary/location/prospects. However, **you'll enjoy doing it** and have the right skills/experiences. Therefore you'll need to consider the practical implications...Will you be able to maintain your current standard of living on the new salary/adapt your standard of living in accordance? Will the location be too big of a problem? Will you be able to accept not having the chance of a promotion?

In the current economic climate competition is high. If you really **don't have the right experience** to get this job you may be better off finding something more suitable. However, if this really is what you want to do you may want to consider retraining or doing some form of relevant voluntary work to improve your chance of success. Sometimes a genuine enthusiasm for a particular job can really impress employers at an interview.

Although this may **not be your ideal job** you do have the skills necessary to stand a good chance for it. With the labour market in its current state you may have to play to your strengths at the moment and take what you can get rather than hanging on for that 'perfect job'. If you do decide to apply make sure you don't let your lack of enthusiasm spoil your chances.

This is the kind of job **you've been waiting for!** But remember: it's a tough time for those seeking employment as competition is sky high! You'll have to take your time to put the very best application you can as you seem to stand a good chance of success. If you manage to make it to the interview, make sure you let your enthusiasm show through! Good luck!