

Getting a Job (and a Haircut)

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Budgeting and saving money are relatively useless unless you are making money to save. Getting a job as soon as possible is a great way to learn what you like doing and what areas light you up. Some jobs may be hard but remember to give them a chance and to stick with them for a while.

Here is a website from the United States:

<https://resume.io/blog/jobs-for-teens>

What are some jobs that interest you from this website?

Here is a website from Canada for teens:

<https://ca.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/jobs-for-14-year-olds>

What are some jobs that interest you from this website?

But wait, I am not 14 yet. How old do you have to be to work in Ontario?

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/minimum-age-work>

Many people start jobs before they are officially able to by working for family or neighbours. Baby-sitting, mowing lawns, dog walking, helping relatives to clean windows or sort things or even doing chores around the house like laundry, preparing meals, doing dishes or vacuuming can help you to gain experience and cash. Having these types of experiences will help when you want to apply for a job and write your first resume.

It is not as entertaining as spending hours on TikTok but it is much better for your brain and your health and definitely for your bank account and budget.

When you are ready to step out and get a job, do some work to look what is around. Most high schools and all colleges and universities will have an area where they post jobs – often for summer when you are more available. Students in high school can get jobs that pay very well since there are often programs to help businesses pay for student jobs. Some careers like the trades will pay you while you learn the skill, and most pay a lot! The Trades are jobs that are very much in demand and have a high rate of job satisfaction.

Starting to look for a job can be fun and involve steps like doing your research. This can involve looking online at certain government sites but it is often very useful to take a walk around your neighbourhood or local ‘downtown’ area where there are shops. Ask around with people you know and be ready to answer questions as to what you want to do and what your skills are.

Here are a few other tips:

- Have a Resume
- Have references for employers to call – relatives – teachers...
- Be ready for an application with all of your information – address, postal code, ID
- Get a Social Insurance Card (you can apply for your own when 12 years old!) [Link](#)
- Be ready for an interview – sometimes given on the spot
- Follow up and ask for how to improve if you are not successful leave a good impression for the future

Remember that this is a journey and can be a lot of fun and a skill that you are gaining in the process. Look for feedback on how to improve and continue to do it so that you are better and better. Practice makes perfect. There is always a sense of accomplishment (and money) at the end of the tunnel.

After I prepared this lesson, I thought I would ask ChatGPT.

What is the best way for a teen to get a job in Canada?

ChatGPT

Getting a job as a teenager in Canada requires some effort and preparation. Here are some steps to help you increase your chances of finding employment:

1. **Resume and Cover Letter:** Create a well-written resume that highlights your skills, experiences, and any relevant achievements or certifications. Tailor your resume to the specific job you're applying for. Include a concise and compelling cover letter that introduces yourself and explains why you are interested in the position.
2. **Job Search:** Explore various avenues to find job opportunities. Check online job boards, company websites, and social media platforms for job postings. Additionally, inquire about potential job openings at local businesses in your community. Networking with family, friends, and teachers can also be valuable in finding job leads.
3. **Work Permits:** Ensure that you have the necessary work permits if you're an international student or a newcomer to Canada. Visit the Government of Canada's official website to understand the requirements and application process for obtaining a work permit as a teenager.
4. **Research Labor Laws:** Familiarize yourself with the labor laws and regulations pertaining to teenage employment in Canada. There are restrictions on the number of hours a minor can work and the type of work they can perform, depending on their age. It's important to understand your rights and limitations as a young worker.
5. **Prepare for Interviews:** Practice common interview questions and prepare concise and thoughtful responses. Demonstrate your enthusiasm, reliability, and willingness to learn. Dress appropriately for the interview and arrive on time. Research the company beforehand to show your interest and knowledge.
6. **Volunteering and Internships:** Consider volunteering or interning to gain valuable experience and enhance your resume. This can help you develop transferable skills and demonstrate your work ethic to potential employers.
7. **Follow up:** After submitting your application or attending an interview, send a follow-up email thanking the employer for their time and expressing your continued interest in the position. This gesture demonstrates professionalism and can help you stand out from other applicants.

Remember, finding a job may take time and persistence. Be proactive, apply to multiple places, and be open to different opportunities. Even if you encounter some rejections, learn from the experience and keep trying. Good luck with your job search!

I then asked: What careers are stable or growing in Canada in the next 5 to 10 years

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Several careers in Canada are projected to be stable or experience growth over the next 5 to 10 years due to various factors such as demographic shifts, technological advancements, and changing industry landscapes. Here are some fields and industries that are expected to offer stable or growing career opportunities:

1. **Healthcare and Medical Professionals:** The healthcare sector continues to expand as the population ages and demands for healthcare services increase. Careers such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, medical technologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and healthcare administrators are expected to be in high demand.
2. **Information Technology (IT):** The digital transformation and increasing reliance on technology create numerous opportunities in the IT sector. Roles such as software developers, data analysts, cybersecurity specialists, cloud architects, AI engineers, and IT project managers are expected to see significant growth.
3. **Renewable Energy and Green Technology:** With a focus on sustainability and reducing carbon emissions, careers in renewable energy, such as solar and wind power, are expected to grow. Jobs related to green technology, energy efficiency, and environmental consulting will also see increasing demand.
4. **Financial Services:** The financial sector remains a stable industry with various career opportunities. Roles such as financial analysts, financial advisors, accountants, actuaries, risk managers, and investment professionals are expected to be in demand.
5. **Skilled Trades:** There is a growing need for skilled tradespeople in Canada, particularly in construction, infrastructure development, and maintenance. Careers such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, HVAC technicians, welders, and heavy equipment operators are expected to offer stable employment.
6. **Education:** As the population grows and educational needs evolve, careers in teaching, education administration, and support services are likely to remain stable. Specializations in areas like STEM education, special education, and online learning may offer additional opportunities.
7. **Digital Marketing and E-commerce:** With the continued growth of online shopping and digital marketing, careers in e-commerce, digital advertising, content creation, social media management, and search engine optimization (SEO) are expected to thrive.
8. **Environmental and Sustainability:** The focus on environmental conservation and sustainability is driving demand for professionals in areas such as environmental science, sustainability consulting, conservation, and waste management.
9. **Biotechnology and Life Sciences:** The biotechnology and life sciences sectors are expected to see growth in areas like pharmaceuticals, medical research, genetics, and bioinformatics. Careers in biotechnology, research and development, and pharmaceutical manufacturing may offer stable opportunities.
10. **Creative Industries:** Careers in the creative industries, including design, content creation, digital media, animation, and video game development, are expected to grow as digital entertainment and media consumption continue to expand.

It's important to note that job markets can be influenced by various factors, and future predictions are subject to change. To make informed decisions about career choices, it's advisable to conduct thorough research, stay updated on industry trends, and consider the specific demands and opportunities within the region you plan to work in.