

What you achieve from your visit today is dependant upon you. A visit to the Toowoomba Chronicle Careers Expo is one of the best ways of collecting information you require to make that important decision on what careers, study or employment choice you make in the future.

To assist you with this exercise, we have designed this worksheet for you which may help you to ask the right questions to get you where you want to go!

First ask yourself what type of career/job you are interested in and ask the following questions ( be honest with yourself!) -

What are your skills?

What are your strong and weak points and characteristics?

What are your hobbies or interests?

Do you prefer to work with people or alone?

Do you prefer an indoor or outdoor occupation?

Do you enjoy studying or prefer to go straight into the workforce?

After you have done this, write down a few career options for you. If you have more than one career choice, make a worksheet for each career choice.

Now visit the [www.careersevent.com](http://www.careersevent.com) website and have a look at the exhibitors who will be attending. Make a list of who you would like to talk to and ask them some or/all of the questions below. Good Luck!!

**Career Choice number one:** \_\_\_\_\_

1) What training course/degree do you need to get into this career?

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2) Are there any alternative pathways to get into this career ie. traineeships or apprenticeships?

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3) Which organization(s) offers courses for this career?

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4) Where are these organisations located eg local, somewhere else in Queensland or interstate.

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5) What type of study options available eg full time, part time, online, school based, traineeship etc.

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6) How do different courses compare? Eg compare TAFE to private providers or compare different universities offering the same studies.

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7) How long will it take to complete the course?

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8) What is the name of the qualification when you complete the course eg certificate II or Bachelor Degree.

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9) How much will the course cost in total?

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10) Are there any other costs eg books, tools, equipment?

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11) What fee support is available? Are scholarships available?

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12) Is the course/ training recognized Australia wide?

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13) What is the employment prospect after completing the course?

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14) What is the average pay in the first year working in your chosen career?

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After collecting all this information you need to prepare a plan and put it into action. You are the only one that can make it happen!

If you need more information, talk to your guidance officer, career adviser or VET co-ordinator at your school.

Please note- this worksheet is not intended to give advice and contains only general information. It is the responsibility of each individual to obtain the correct information.