

Looking for work

Why get a job?

- First step towards financial independence and then total independence

Important considerations:

- Interest level: Might this be a career step?
- Wages/Salary: Ont. Student Minimum Wage is \$13.15/hr (under 18 and working <28hrs a week)
- Hours: Quantity (guarantee), consistency, continuity and flexibility
- Benefits/Vacation/Pension/Discounts (Limited for PT work)
- Comfortable working environment
- Location(s)
- Corporate stability – turnover rate
- Legitimacy: Legal business. Beware of “black market” businesses or scams
- Cost of employment: transit/gas/parking, uniform/materials/tools, business expenses, training, licences
- Emotional/Health/Educational cost: Jobs come with stress
(Good stress: Increased confidence from overcoming challenges, satisfaction of a job well done, appreciation/acceptance)
(Negative stress: Tired, failing at school, life, friendships, sick)

How to actually finding a job - a few options you can try

- Look for “help wanted” signs in convenient/familiar locations – these still exist. You can also walk in to an establishment and ask (cold call).
- Connections – tap your family and friends for job prospects
- Volunteering...then a job (not a guarantee)
- Job postings: Guidance department, university student lounges, youth drop-in centres, community centres, community bulletin boards, light poles, local newspapers, private websites (www.indeed.com) and government employment sites www.jobbank.gc.ca