



Other ways to help you find work

There are plenty of things you can do to help you find work or get better prepared to work. Here are a few suggestions.

Attend some courses

Any opportunity to build your social skills and communication skills, or develop your technical skills, will be beneficial to you. Courses can be anything from formal qualifications at TAFE, to informal personal development courses run in your local community centre.

Self employment

If you are considering self employment, talk to your nearest Business Enterprise Centre, the Small Business Development Corporation and anyone you know who is successfully self employed.

If you want to do contract work, you will need to organise your own insurance. Once you've got that in place, whole new possibilities arise for you to market your skills and abilities other than having to be employed in the traditional sense.

Surf the internet looking for resources

There are mind boggling amounts of information that can be helpful to you, from all over the world. Everything from building resumes to course information, to information about jobs to self employment – you name it, it's all there.

Do some work experience or volunteering

This helps you get into the pattern of getting to work and operating in the work culture, particularly if you have been out of work for some time or have not had a job before. It gives you a chance to try out that job, as well as getting to know what is involved 'behind the scenes'.

You are also getting to know the employer and work mates, while at the same time they are getting to know you. You are gaining valuable experience that will all add to your skills base and will look good on your resume!

Get a job!

Seriously, it's always easier to get a job when you've already got one. Many employers would rather take on a person who is already working than a person who hasn't worked for some time. Look at one job as being a stepping-stone to another. Set your sights on the work that you really want, and if you don't have any success yet, do something else while you keep an eye out for the one you are really after.



Need some more ideas? Talk to the staff at your local Jobs and Skills Centre.

Ring 13 64 64 to contact your local Jobs and Skills Centre or go to the [Jobs and Skills WA](#) website.