

Providing Management Skills Training

Career Readiness Self-Assessment

This self-assessment tool will help candidates gain a comprehensive understanding of their readiness for a job search, allowing them to identify areas for improvement and create a structured plan to prepare.

Instructions

For each statement below, rate yourself on a scale from 1 to 5, where:

- 1 = Strongly Disagree
- 2 = Disagree
- 3 = Neutral
- 4 = Agree
- 5 =Strongly Agree

At the end of the assessment, tally your scores to determine your readiness.

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1. Clarity of Career Goals Rating • I have a clear understanding of my career goals and what I want in my next job. 2. Skills and Qualifications Rating • I possess the necessary skills and qualifications for the type of job I am seeking. 3. **Resume Preparedness** Rating • My resume is updated, well-organized, and tailored to the jobs I am applying for. 4. LinkedIn Profile Rating • My LinkedIn profile is complete and optimized for visibility to potential employers. 5. Networking Rating • I have an established professional network that I can leverage for job opportunities. 6. Job Market Awareness Rating • I have researched the job market and understand the current trends in my desired industry. 7. Application Materials Rating • I have prepared customized cover letters for the types of positions I will be applying for. 8. Interview Preparation Rating • I am prepared to effectively answer common interview questions and discuss my experiences. 9. Confidence Level Rating • I feel confident in my ability to present myself professionally to potential employers. **10. Time Management** Rating • I have a plan and sufficient time set aside to dedicate to my job search efforts. 11. Soft Skills Rating o I possess strong soft skills (e.g., communication, teamwork, problem-solving) that are relevant to my desired roles. 12. Technical Skills Rating • I have the necessary technical skills or certifications required for the jobs I want to pursue. 13. Professional Development Rating • I actively seek opportunities for professional development (e.g., courses, workshops, webinars) to enhance my skills.

14. Feedback from Others Rating • I have sought feedback from peers or mentors on my resume, cover letter, or interview techniques. 15. Online Presence Rating • I maintain a professional online presence that reflects my career aspirations and expertise. 16. Understanding Company Culture Rating • I understand the importance of company culture and have researched potential employers' values and work environments. 17. Goal Setting Rating • I regularly set short-term and long-term career goals and track my progress toward achieving them. **18. Job Search Strategy** Rating • I have a clear strategy for my job search, including target companies and specific roles I want to pursue. 19. Dealing with Rejection Rating • I have strategies in place to handle job search setbacks and rejections constructively. 20. Support System Rating • I have a support system in place (friends, family, mentors) to encourage and assist me during my job search.

Total Rating____

Scoring and Next Steps:

Scoring

Add up your scores from each question to get your total score.

• Total Score: ____ / 100

Interpretation of Results

- 81-100: Ready to Begin Your Job Search
 - You are well-prepared and ready to start your job search. Focus on leveraging your network and applying for positions that align with your goals.

• 61-80: Some Preparation Needed

• You are fairly prepared but may need to work on a few areas, such as your resume or networking. Consider addressing any gaps before starting your search.

• 41-60: Significant Preparation Needed

• You have identified several areas for improvement. Take the time to refine your goals, enhance your skills, and strengthen your application materials.

• 21-40: Not Yet Ready to Start

• You may need to take additional time to prepare before starting your job search. Focus on developing your skills, building your network, and creating strong application materials.

Next Steps

Depending on your score, consider the following actions:

- **Ready (81-100):** Begin networking and applying for jobs. Consider practicing interview techniques.
- Some Preparation Needed (61-80): Identify specific areas to improve and create a plan to address them.
- Significant Preparation Needed (41-60): Seek resources, such as workshops or coaching, to develop your skills and confidence.
- Not Yet Ready (21-40): Take time for self-reflection and personal development. Focus on skill-building and clarifying your career goals.

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