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Congratulate yourself that you've already got this far! Only one in ten folks are happy and satisfied by their jobs, but the majority simply moan about it and that's it. Because you've done research we have a hunch that you're giving retraining some thought, which means you're already ahead of the pack. What comes next is discover where you want to go and get going.

We suggest that you discuss your ideas first - talk to someone who's familiar with your chosen field; a guide who can really get to know you and find the best job role for you, and then show you the career tracks you may be suited to:

* Do you enjoy a busy working environment? Is it meeting new people or being part of a team? Maybe you like to deal with tasks that you can complete alone?

* Have you given much thought to which area you choose to work in? (These days, it's even more crucial to be selective.)

* Would you like this to be a one off time that you'll have to retrain?

* Are you happy that your industry training course will offer you employment opportunities, and make it possible to be employed until your pension kicks in?

A predominant industry in the United Kingdom to meet the above criteria is Information Technology. There is a requirement for greater numbers of qualified technicians in this sector, just search any jobs website and you'll discover what we mean. However, it's not all nerdy people staring at their screens all the time - there's a lot more to it than that. The majority of employees in the industry are ordinary people, but they enjoy their work and get well paid.

How can job security truly exist anymore? In the UK for instance, with industry changing its mind at alarming speeds, we'd question whether it does.

It's possible though to reveal security at the market sector level, by looking for high demand areas, tied with a lack of qualified workers.

The 2006 United Kingdom e-Skills survey demonstrated that over 26 percent of all available IT positions remain unfilled due to an appallingly low number of trained staff. Put simply, we're only able to fill three out of 4 positions in the computer industry.

Gaining in-depth commercial Information Technology accreditation is therefore a 'Fast Track' to a long-term as well as gratifying line of work.

Actually, retraining in Information Technology during the years to come is almost definitely the safest career choice you could ever make.

Commercial certification is now, undoubtedly, starting to replace the traditional routes into the IT sector - so why should this be?

Corporate based study (as it's known in the industry) is far more effective and specialised. Industry has acknowledged that specialisation is necessary to service the demands of an increasingly more technical commercial environment. Adobe, Microsoft, CISCO and CompTIA are the big boys in this field.

Obviously, a certain amount of background detail needs to be learned, but core specialisation in the required areas gives a commercially educated person a massive advantage.

It's rather like the advert: 'It does what it says on the tin'. Employers simply need to know what they're looking for, and then match up the appropriate exam numbers as a requirement. They'll know then that all applicants can do what they need.

Commencing from the viewpoint that it makes sense to home-in on the employment that excites us first, before we can even mull over what training program fulfils our needs, how can we choose the correct route?

Consequently, if you don't have any background in the IT market, how can you expect to know what a particular IT employee does each day? Let alone arrive at which training route will be most suitable for a successful result.

To work through this, we need to discuss a variety of unique issues:

- * Your hobbies and interests - often these highlight what possibilities will provide a happy working life.
- * Why it seems right starting in computing - maybe you'd like to conquer a long-held goal such as firing your boss and working for yourself maybe.
- * Is the money you make further up on your priority-list than other requirements.
- * Often, trainees don't consider the level of commitment expected to gain all the necessary accreditation.
- * Taking a cold, hard look into the effort, commitment and time that you can put aside.

For most people, considering each of these concepts tends to require the help of someone who can investigate each area with you. And not just the qualifications - you also need to understand the commercial needs and expectations also.

Students often end up having issues because of a single training area usually not even thought about: The way the training is divided into chunks and sent out to you.

Often, you'll join a programme staged over 2 or 3 years and receive a module at a time. While this may sound logical on one level, consider this:

Often, the staged breakdown offered by the provider doesn't suit. You may find it a stretch to finalise all the elements inside of their particular timetable?

Put simply, the best option is to obtain their recommendation on the best possible order of study, but to receive all the materials up-front. You then have everything in the event you don't complete everything as fast as they'd like.

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