



## Pre-Job Search Self Assessment

**Instructions:** Complete the questionnaire and then rank the question categories (A,B,C,D) in priority order. Ask your workshop leader or advisor for assistance in questions that you begin to feel stuck.

### A. DAY TO DAY

What do you want your day to day experience to look like?

What type of work interests you? Reflect on what you have done in school.

What keywords or key skills would you look for in a job description?

### B. LOCATION

Am I prepared to move if needed?

How far am I willing to move?

Is there something keeping me from moving? E.g. family, friends, kids, owning a home etc?

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Is the location type where I want to be? E.g. Urban/City, Suburban, Rural

How long would my commute be?

Are there certain aspects of my identity that can only be supported in specific locations or under specific circumstances?

### C. MONEY AND COMPENSATION

What is the average salary for the types of positions and industries I am interested in?

Use the Research Salary tools on the CPD Website: <https://www.artcentercpd.com/research-salary>

What is the cost of living like in the areas I am interested in living in and could my industry support my cost of living?

Use the Money Matters CPD Budget Sheet to chart your expenses if needed: <https://www.artcentercpd.com/research-salary>.

Money Matters: Budgeting Basics workshop: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8083565/video/426014887>



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What does my lifestyle look like right now? What am I willing to sacrifice in my lifestyle if anything, if my job could not support my current lifestyle.

Are there other perks outside of salary that interest me e.g. free meals, transportation, moving expenses.

### D. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT / EMPLOYER

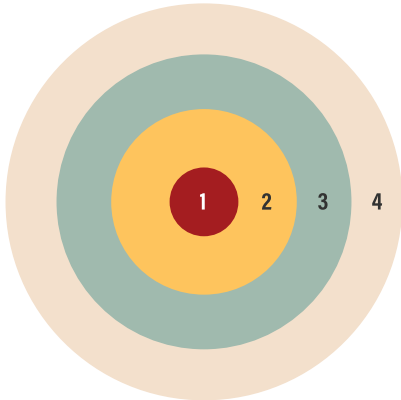
Are you interested in full time, contract, part-time, freelance, etc. work? What is normal for your industry? e.g. the Entertainment Industry works primarily on contract work.

Do you want to work at a Large, Medium, or Small company? The larger the company the more specialized your work will be.

### PRIORITY RANKING

Rank the four sections (A,B,C,D) in your personal priority order:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_



1. Did the order of your priorities surprise you? Why or why not?
2. Why did your top priority take the top spot?
3. Why did your bottom priority end up at the bottom?
4. Was it easy or hard to answer these questions and why?
5. Was it easy or hard to put the sections into a priority?
6. Was there a section that you had not considered before? How was the experience reflecting on that section for the first time?
7. What did you learn about yourself during this exercise?
8. Why is doing an exercise like this important at the start of your job search?