

CAREER PLANNING

Exercise - Obstacles



Take some time to think about each of your chosen career options in a realistic way. Identify any potential obstacles or difficulties you may come across when working towards each option and any solutions you can think of to overcome these.

EXAMPLE Career Option » **VET**

POTENTIAL OBSTACLE

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

1 High grades needed and limited places at vet school

- » Create a study plan to make sure I'm taking the right subjects and that grades are high enough to meet requirements
- » Spend less time on social media and more time studying
- » Find out from university if there is anything else I can do that will give me an edge over other applicants (e.g. *experience working with animals*)
- » Consider other career options related to animals

2 High cost of study

- » Speak to parents to see if they are able to contribute towards my education (e.g. help with fees, living expenses)
- » Get a part time job
- » Start saving money now
- » Look for scholarships I can apply for
www.careers.govt.nz/courses/scholarships
- » Find out if I am eligible for student allowances
www.studylink.govt.nz
- » Find out more about student loans

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