

What to Expect When you Start a New Job

After months of anxious waiting, finally, you get the job. Starting work on a new job can be very exciting. At last, you get to show your skills and experiences (if any), learn new things, and meet new people. Most of all, you get paid!

For some, it can also be daunting, a bit scary as you worry if you'll be able to do the job and fit in, if your new team will accept you and be supportive, and so on. But as you learn more, your employer and the people you work with, you'll feel more comfortable and start to "belong."

Here are some points which will help you prepare as best as you possibly can for your first day.

- Plan how to get to work and be on time

Employers expect you to be reliable and punctual. If you have trouble waking earlier in the morning, then prepare some things like clothes the night before, and get a reliable alarm clock. Remember, first impressions usually count. It's a plus score in your favour.

- Plan what you will need to wear and bring to work

Ensure that your clothing, shoes included, suit your position and workplace. By this time, you have an idea about the company culture.

- Find out more about the job

You should already have a good idea about the job, learn more about your work environment and the equipment and resources you will need.

Once you have made it into the office on your first day often you will be greeted by your new team and shown around the office so you know where all the facilities are such as the kitchen, stationary cupboard, toilets and fire exits etc. You may also be introduced to key employees who you will have contact with and be introduced to any other relevant members of the staff or team.

Shortly after commencing a new role and to ease you into the Company, most companies will give you an induction during your first few days or weeks. You will be shown around your place of work and be told about what you will be doing on a day to day basis. You should also get all the training you need to do your job.

This is the best opportunity to ask general questions about the job and your employer, so if you do have any worries or concerns, it's a good idea to raise them at the end of this conversation.

Despite all the concerns you might have the most important things to remember are it's ok to forget people's names, it will take a period of time to settle in to a new role and if you have any doubts ask questions.

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