

SEEK MORE CLARITY



If you have been exploring different career options, you might have a long list of possibilities in front of you.

Some of these choices may seem unrelated or overwhelming, and you might be wondering how to make sense of it all.

Gaining clarity often means finding a logical way to prioritise your next steps—or taking time to compare your options so you can narrow the list down to something more manageable.

Aims at this stage



Deeper Exploration

Assess your options deeply based on your interests, values and goals.



Decision-making

You may need to make some decisions to narrow your options. Use decision tools to compare and refine choices.



Market Awareness

Understanding labour market trends, industry needs and future work requirements can help with decision making.

Actions for this stage



REFLECT ON WHAT MATTERS MOST

- Which **three options** on your list interest you the most right now? Why?
- What **values or goals** are important to you in a future career (e.g., helping others, creativity, job security, earning potential)?
- Are there any options on your list that **don't align** with these values or goals?



SPOT THE PATTERNS

- Do any of your career options have **things in common** (e.g., working with people, using technology, being outdoors)?
- **Group any similar options together.** What do you notice?



REALITY CHECK

- What do you already know about these careers and **what do you need to find out?** Use events like career festivals to ask questions.
- Are there any **practical factors to consider** (e.g., years of study, location, cost)?



TAKE ACTION

Choose one or two career options to research further. Write down:

- What you'll do to **learn more** (e.g., interview someone – see our resource on information interviews, watch a video, read about it or talk with a career's advisory)
- **One thing you hope to find out** – and then do it!



If you are considering a number of courses, **The ComparED website** provides prospective students with relevant and transparent information about **Australian higher education institutions** provided by current students and recent graduates - www.compared.edu.au/about



Check any **scholarships that might be available** which could help with financial decisions. Search for scholarship links on university and TAFE website and the scholarships page on **Study Work Grow** - studyworkgrow.com/find-scholarships/



Labour market information will tell you **what is likely to happen to this job in the future** – is it likely it will grow or is it a job in decline? Sites like **myfuture** will also tell you about training and qualification requirements and important information on salaries - myfuture.edu.au