



Post Grad Study - Think it Over

Why do you want to do a post grad course? Think carefully about each of the following:

Career Change Courses

Don't assume that studying the relevant course will get you a job:

- Ensure that the course will be appropriate and the qualifications beneficial to a move
- Talk to people who are currently working in the industry
- Get some relevant work experience and consider taking unpaid work to do so

Updating Skills

- Identify the skills and the level needed
- Talk to the people who run the course and ensure those skills are taught to an appropriate level

Looking for a Promotion

Ask yourself:

- What is the value of the course?
- Will it assist in the promotion?
- Will it actually lead to the outcome you want?

General

- Time – you will be able to realistically juggle your commitments?
- Support – do a reality check on the level of support you can expect from friends and family, you'll need it.
- Finances – be clear about whether you can afford to study; with high fees, you don't want to pay up then have to withdraw.

Information on postgraduate courses can be found in the national Postgraduate Directory of which there is a hard copy in the Careers Centre Library. Please ask the receptionist if you need assistance.

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