

## ☛ CAREER DOCTOR

**Q.** I'm trying to get back into secondary-school teaching. I took four years out after my HDip to do other things. However, I only have one subject — English, which is 10 a penny among teachers. I'm thinking of doing a postgraduate course in career guidance to improve my chances of getting a full-time teaching job. It's expensive and lasts two years (part time). Do you think it's worth it?

**A.** Only you can answer the question about whether doing a postgraduate course in career guidance is worth the time and expense. If this is the only option available to help you achieve your goal, then these are the sacrifices you will have to make. I would, however, ensure that you have explored every other avenue before embarking



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on this proposed route.

I have to accept that you say you have been trying hard to get back into teaching, but quite often I meet career coaching clients who tell me they have tried every avenue to reach their career goal. When I investigate further, they have only been scratching the surface and there is much more they could be doing.

Here are a couple of recommendations to explore if you have not done so already. Talk to teachers and principals — they will give you insider information and alternative suggestions, while you will also be building up a network of industry contacts. Explore your own network such as friends, family or old classmates from your HDip. These options may unearth opportunities or get you a foot in the door.

The difference between those who would love to be in a dream job and those who have a dream job is 'action'. They keep moving with determination and persistence. They don't wait for things to happen — they make things happen.

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