

COMPARE CAREER OPTIONS – WORKSHEET (SAMPLE)

After you've done some research, this worksheet can help you compare different career options to see which might be the best fit.

- List each career option in the column on the left.
- Score the five categories for each career out of 20 and add your notes. Total the scores in the final column.

Compare the totals for each career option and note which ones are the highest and lowest.

Career Option	Alignment with my career motivators ___/20	Fit with my experience and education ___/20	Fit with other factors: location, salary, etc. ___/20	Prospects for working in this career ___/20	Prospects for working in this career ___/20	Rating total ___/100
Environmental Planner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/20 • May spend too much time in an office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/20 • I have no experience and may need to get an MsC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/20 • Very flexible right now. • Salary has dropped after recession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/20 • Mostly contract work and the market is tight right now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/20 • This is likely a long-term goal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70/100
Environmental Educator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/20 • Work with environmental issues and groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/20 • I've worked with youth at recreation centres and my BsC is enough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/20 • Salary is lower and I might have to move elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/20 • Prospects are looking up • Private sector is hiring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/20 • Seems fun and I could start now 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80/100
Environmental Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/20 • Not sure about the role as a law enforcer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/20 • I have the experience and education for an entry-level job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/20 • Work can be seasonal and I might have to move elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16/20 • No government postings right now, some with resource companies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/20 • Need to do more research - speak to people in this career 	