

## 14 Jobs

### Introduction

Choosing a career is a very important and hard step in human life. It is not easy to decide what to do in the future. Children usually have no real ideas about their future jobs. Boys mostly want to be pilots, astronauts, dustmen, soldiers etc. Girls want to become actresses, singers, models etc. Some young people follow their parents in their jobs.

Making money is the most important reason why people work but work should also bring satisfaction and social contact.

### Jobs

There are many career **opportunities** and **branches**, e.g. accounting, advertising, agriculture, architecture, banking, building, clothing, computers and electronics, engineering, fire fighting, insurance, journalism, law, media, medicine, pharmacy, photography, police, psychology, **public relations**, publishing, **real estate**, restaurant, show-business, social work, teaching, tourism...

Professions can be divided into practical jobs and mental activities.

**Blue collar jobs** – manual professions that require physical labour:

bricklayer (zedník)/locksmith (zámečnick)/baker (pekař)/butcher (řezník)/barber (holič)/chimney sweeper (kominík)/plumber (instalatér)/carpenter (tesař)/electrician/farmer  
/tailor/cook/waiter-waitress/postman-postwoman/salesman (prodáváč/obchodní cestující)/hair-dresser/gardener/decorator/driver/dustman (popelář)...

**White collar jobs** - professions of mental activities:

doctor/accountant/teacher/engineer/journalist/scientist/politician/artist/librarian/musician/ writer/lawyer...

### The Czech Republic and The European Union

Today, the EU has 27 members. The UK has left the EU recently after its citizens voted to **withdraw** from the EU in 2016. The Czech Republic joined the EU in 2004. The EU **influences** many subjects of our everyday life, such as **citizens' rights**, regional **development**, environmental protection, job creation. One of the most important **benefits** of our **membership** in the EU is job opportunity. We can work in any country of the EU without asking for visas and work **permits**. Thanks to the European programme called Erasmus, Czech students can take part in exchange programmes and projects and study at European universities. Travelling within the EU is much easier than it used to be. We don't need a passport to travel to an EU country, we only need the Czech **ID card**. The Euro, the **common** European **currency**, is used in most EU countries so we can use the same currency in different countries.

### CV (Curriculum vitae)

When applying for a job, you have to join a CV to your **application letter**.

In a good CV, you mustn't miss:

#### 1. Personal data

- name, date of birth, contacts: address, email, telephone number

#### 2. Education

- secondary education
- tertiary education (university or college)
- other courses, trainings, certificates

#### 3. Work experience

#### 4. Other skills: - foreign languages

- PC skills (Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- driving licence

5. Hobbies (optional)
6. References (from your **previous employer**)

### Vocabulary

opportunity - příležitost

branch - obor

public relation (PR) – oddělení pro vnější vztahy a komunikaci s veřejností, např. mluvčí

real estate – nemovitosti

withdraw – vystoupit, odstoupit (od smlouvy)

influence – ovlivňovat

citizens' rights – občanská práva

development – rozvoj

benefit – užitek, prospěch

membership - členství

work permit – pracovní povolení

restriction - omezení

ID card – občanský průkaz

common currency – společná měna

ability – schopnost

experience – zkušenost (mn.č.–zážitky)

meaningful – smysluplný

application letter – motivační dopis

skill - dovednost

previous employer – předchozí zaměstnavatel

### Questions

- **What job did you want to do when you were a child?**
- **What type of work would you like to do in the future and why?** *I'm interested in.../ I'm good at.../I enjoy.../I like working with.../...therefore I'd like to work as .../ I want to be...*
- **Which job would you never try and why?**
- **What do you find important to be satisfied at work?** *well-paid / useful / not boring and monotonous / good boss / pleasant and friendly colleagues / variety of activities / being my own boss / having possibilities for travel and further education / using my **abilities** and **experience***
- **How important is the salary in choosing a job?** *I prefer money to job satisfaction / I prefer **meaningful** work to high salary...*
- **Are you going to use career opportunities as a citizen of the European Union?**
- **What job experience have you had?** *after-school job/weekend job/summer job/part-time job*
- *What is your preferred job? Tell me more about it.*
- *Would you like to do your parents' job? Why? / Why not?*
- *Which is more important for you: enjoy your work or be paid well? Why?*
- *Have you ever had a part-time job? Tell me about it.*
- *Should teenagers take a part-time job? Why? / Why not? Tell me your opinion.*
- *What would you do if you couldn't find work? Tell me about it.*
- *What is your dream job? Tell me about it.*
- *When you finish school, are you going to get a full-time job? Tell me about it. / Why not?*
- *Have you ever worked in the summer? Tell me about it.*
- *Would you like to work as a cook? Why? / Why not?*
- *Would you like to work as a teacher? Why / Why not?*
- *What should you do during a job interview? Tell me about it.*