

Assessment Questionnaire: Self-employment



Have you wondered whether it is your true calling to run your own business? Have you felt burned out in your job and thought about starting your own enterprise? Are you wondering if being self-employed is a good match for your personality and skills? These questions look at the characteristics that are associated with successfully being self-employed.

Are you better suited to entrepreneurship or a stable job at this point in time?

Please read each statement and record your level of agreement on the scale of 1 to 5.

1 = Completely False
2 = Mostly False
3 = Neither True or False

4 = Mostly True
5 = Completely True

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1. The idea of being out on my own with my business frightens me a little, but not too much.
2. I literally get excited when I think about beginning my own business within the next year.
3. I am not very concerned about the idea of losing my stable income or my job benefits.
4. I strongly believe that now is the time to take the plunge and go out on my own.
5. I have difficulty working for someone or for a company because I always think of how I would run things differently in my own business.
6. I am a person who has always been attracted to the idea of creating a business and dedicating my career to growing a company.
7. I typically think that I am not best suited for a stable and consistent job.
8. Others have told me that I have a high degree of risk tolerance and am able to deal well with the pressures of business risk.
9. The idea of not working with my coworkers or colleagues on a day-to-day basis in a regular job is fine with me.
10. I do very well with structuring myself and making my own schedule.
11. I am someone who manages stress and numerous demands on my time pretty well, particularly when I have a large degree of control over what stress I want to take on.
12. I have always been really interested in hearing the stories of highly successful businesspeople and how they came to be so successful.
13. I have become very burned out with the routines of corporate life or my 9-5 job.
14. I can easily list 5 reasons why I am better suited to being self employed than to having a typical job.
15. I do not seem to need a supervisor or boss keeping me on track with my deadlines and projects.
16. I can't stand to feel a lack of control in my career and always having to answer to someone in a job.
17. When I think about not being able to pursue my business idea and self-employment in the next year, I feel frustrated and disappointed.
18. It is typical for me to think that I naturally have what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur.
19. I am not too concerned about giving up all of the perks of a regular job in favour of being self-employed.
20. I often think about how I would love being my own boss and being responsible for my own successes or failures; whereas I cannot imagine loving a stable job.
21. I have enough savings to cover my major living expenses for at least one year as the business gets off the ground.
22. Lately, I have been very frustrated with my job because I know I really want to be self-employed. (Note: If you are already self-employed: Lately I have not been frustrated with being self-employed.
23. If I had my choice, I would definitely be in my own business, and I have already begun to take steps to make that happen.
24. I am an extremely self-motivated person and I always finish tasks without having to be prompted or reminded.
25. The thought of working for someone for the rest of my life makes me feel depressed.
26. I love change and novelty. I adapt well to new circumstances. I actually seek out new experiences.
27. I do not have problems focusing my attention on one task at a time.
28. I tend to get enthusiastic and excited whenever I hear small business success stories, especially those where the owner pursued her or his dream to get there.
29. I am intrigued and fascinated by entrepreneurship and self-employment. The more I learn, the better match I think it is for me.
30. Many people have recently told me that I should go for it and become self-employed because they can tell that is what I want and that is what I would be best at.

31. Name

32. Email

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form - we aim to respond to your form within 2 working days