

Going Self Employed

Questionnaire – tick a box for each question

No - Sometimes - Yes

	No	Sometimes	Yes
Are you always full of ideas?			
Are you always discovering new solutions to problems?			
Do you really enjoy your subject?			
Do you hate people imposing their ideas on you?			
Do you dislike lots of rules and regulations?			
Do you like following fashions and trends?			
Are you always on the look out for inspiration?			
Are you always developing your ideas?			
Do you discard old or bad ideas easily?			
Do you actively seek out alternatives when you are stuck?			
Can you imagine yourself in 'other people's shoes'?			
Do you tend to act first then reason it out later?			

Going self employed - some thoughts

You may well be considering the possibility of being self-employed at the end of the course. It takes a particular strength of character to succeed, but can be extremely rewarding. Do you have what it takes? Ask yourself the following 10 questions and try to be sincere about your answers.

Do I get on well with people?

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Am I enthusiastic about my work?

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Can I accept criticism and take advice?

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Can I discipline myself to work unsupervised?

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Do I have specific goals to achieve?

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Am I really aware of the risks?

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Is my health up to it?

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Can I cope with stress?

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Are there others who will offer me help and support?

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Do I have the patience and tenacity to succeed?

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If you can answer these positively then you've probably got what it takes - but why not ask a close friend for their views on your answers? If you are not too sure - hang on to them and pull them out after a year or two of working - see what you think then. Don't forget, portfolios and personalities should carry on developing! Your BA is only the start.