

# GET THE JOB

## When You Have to Relocate

A change of scenery came sometimes do us all some good

As exciting as taking a new job somewhere else may be, however, there are also big challenges.

Whether your move is related to a corporate restructuring, promotion or a new personal challenge, there's a lot of consider before signing on the dotted line. Here's how to navigate this difficult transition.

### CREATE A CHECKLIST

Consider making a checklist in order to address your biggest concerns. Discuss the potential of recouping expenses when you move. Research the cost of living in your new location. See what advancement opportunities exist in the new office. If you have kids, find out more about local child care and schools. Nailing down the answers to these questions can play a big role in what happens next.

### MORE THAN NUMBERS

At the same time, resist the temptation to turn the entire process into a spreadsheet-type list of pros and cons. Don't forget about the holistic parts like satisfaction and happiness – for you and those who are important to you. You'll have to consider the long-term prospects of



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this new position, and also how it might impact family or significant others. You may want to develop a backup plan if the relocation doesn't work.

### FINDING WORK

What if you're following your significant other's relocation or leaving to be closer to an elderly relative? You'll need to adjust

your online and print resumes in order to be best positioned for work in your new hometown. Most businesses will contact you directly through email or on the phone, but you should still update your address with the phrase "in the process of moving." Add a line briefly stating why you are in transit, but don't feel like you

have to be specific about something personal like a divorce. If you're willing to move but haven't targeted a special place, mention that prominently – since that may work in your favor with hiring managers.

### MANY FACTORS

What ever your situation, be prepared to think this through

on both a professional and personal level simultaneously. There are difficult logistics involved with moving, but also the promise of advancing your career. You'll need to approach this decision with professional development in mind, while remaining aware that it's a journey into the unknown.