

Talking about Work

Finding the right type of employment can be a long and difficult process. While at work and fit for work we tend not to think about the possibility of ever being out of work or unable to work due to an accident out of or at work. Sometimes the prospect of being unable to work whatever the reason may be is the last thing on our minds.

Sometimes people decide to leave perfectly satisfactory jobs due to other situations that have happened within the work place. An unfortunately common complaint is bullying at work or harassment at work from other colleagues or managerial staff. It is sadly the case that some people's attitude to work is far less professional than other's, whether the conditions of work state otherwise or not.

One deciding factor of staying or leaving an employment position is job satisfaction. When looking for work as a first time applicant for work, such things as the overall work ethic of a company, the pace of work or brainwork required don't play much of a role in the course of choosing a position. Usually with the first position the job, so to say, chooses us. Of course the field of work is important; there's nothing worse than having no idea whatsoever what you are doing and working to rule tends to help avoid mistakes. Those who are looking for employment and have had previous work experience could stand more of a chance of finding their next position somewhat quicker. However, if giving up one's 'life's work' and deciding to go into a new line of work, for example moving from clerical and administrative work to social or casual work, then experience in the workplace isn't necessarily of use.

Some people are not at liberty to pick and choose their employment as they might like to. Lack of work or limitations due to the nature of the work permit could lead to the person in question having to do piece work with a lot of overtime work to compensate, or worse, getting involved in illicit work which not only causes dangerous legal issues, but such things as safety at work and the necessary insurance cover are non-existent.

Choosing the right work doesn't have to be a work of art of combining aspects that make us 100% satisfied in what we do, rather being satisfied that one is doing the best possible to make the most out of any employment.

Word	Explanation	Translation
at work	on the job	bei der Arbeit
out of work	unemployed	arbeitslos
fit for work	capable of work, able to work	arbeitsfähig
unable to work	disabled, incapable of working	arbeitsunfähig
administrative work	work related to the arrangements and work which is needed to control the operation of a plan or organization	Verwaltungsarbeit
attitude to work	work habits, a state of mind or a feeling about work	Arbeitsauffassung; Arbeitseinstellung
bullying at work	harassment at work	Mobbing
casual work	occasional job	Gelegenheitsarbeit
clerical	clerical work - office work, paperwork, desk work	Büroarbeiten
conditions of work	conditions of employment, labour conditions	Arbeitsbedingungen
field of work	industrial field	Arbeitsbereich; Arbeitsfeld
illicit work	moonlighting, illegal employment	Schwarzarbeit
Lack of work	stoppage	Arbeitsmangel

overtime work	time worked in excess of eight hours per day or forty hours per work week for employees working a regular work schedule	Überstundenarbeit
pace of work	speed of work	Arbeitstempo
piece work	work paid for according to the amount done	Akkordarbeit
safety at work	occupational health and safety, employment protection	Arbeitsschutz; Sicherheit am Arbeitsplatz
work ethic	the belief that work is morally good	Arbeitsmoral; Arbeitsethik
work of art	an object made by an artist of great skill, especially a painting, drawing or statue	Kunstwerk
work permit	an official document which gives permission to someone who is foreign to work in a country	Arbeitserlaubnis
work experience	the experience that a person already has of working	Berufserfahrung