

## GETTING BACK ON YOUR FEET WITHIN THE RECESSION

It penalizes those who continue to follow old ways of doing work, and rewards those who accept the recessive conditions and manage to make it work for them. They build the new generation of workers and businesses who get to ride the crest once the recession is over and the inevitable boom begins. Whether you are a simple office employee, or a self-employed person, or the owner of a business, a recession gives you the scope to breathe and position yourself in your market or organization. This scope is hard to find in a healthy economy, for during a boom, businesses and people are already there ahead of you and firmly entrenched in their positions. So, it is of utmost importance that you get back on your feet and consolidate your position, before the recession ends and you find yourself once again pushed to the back. The first thing to do is start working at any job that you can get. Leaving one job for the next one is never such a problem as getting the first one. So, don't pick and choose but get working and do a great job at every workplace. Keep the owner satisfied and make him hate to see you go. That's the motto to climb the ladder fast. Whenever you leave a job for the next one, leave on good terms, and leave good memories. Leave alone the owner; if your co-workers remember you as a reliable and good employee, you are already into consolidating your position in the market. If the owner retains memories of you as a good employee, you will always have a job to fall back on. In a recession just concentrate on giving the best to others and do not over-bargain for getting the best for you. Things will work out by themselves. While starting with any job you can get is good advice, sticking with a job that does not meet your career goals is senseless. Anything might do for survival, but you need to work consistently towards your personal career goals to find success. Usually, recession - time jobs consume more of your time, but rarely more of your core skills or mental faculties. Use the breathing time to enhance your skills and clearly define your future career path. Ask yourself where you want to be two years from now for the recession is going to end by that time and opportunities will start to saturate. Consistently work towards that target whether by acquiring new skills or moving through a series of jobs. Remember, the pattern of opportunities that will be there once the recession is over will be entirely different from the pattern of opportunities that exist now. So, make the most of that time. While it might look good to visualize and chart out your options and goals five years and ten years from now, realistically, the only time you have in hand is about two years. For after that, the pattern of the market will change and forecasts and calculations you make today will not fit into the scenario. The economy has already started to pick up in certain sectors and sluggish growth is evident when compared to past few years. You need to be in shape and pick up pace before the economy gets back on its feet. That's your deadline to finish positioning yourself, and you have a maximum of two years in your hand. So, set your goals and start moving accordingly.

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