The Career Compass
Building Career-Ready Professionals for the Real World of Work.

Career Options Comparison Worksheet

Compare Options With Evidence, Not Just Emotion

Who is this for? Students, graduates and parents

Purpose: Compare career options using consistent criteria.

My Shortlist

☐ Option A: _____

☐ Option B: _____

☐ Option C: _____

Compare Each Option

☐ What work does this career involve?

☐ What qualifications or learning are required?

☐ What skills are important?

☐ What entry-level roles are available?

☐ What industries hire for these roles?

☐ What does the career path look like?

☐ What lifestyle or work-pattern considerations matter?

☐ What time/financial investment is required?

☐ What are the main challenges?

☐ What future growth opportunities exist?

Check Personal Fit

☐ I am genuinely interested in the work.

☐ The work fits some of my strengths.

☐ I am willing to develop the required skills.

☐ The learning route is realistic for me.

☐ The career fits my priorities and circumstances.

☐ I can imagine doing the actual work—not just having the title.

Evidence Check

☐ I have used more than one reliable source.

☐ I have spoken to or listened to a professional where possible.

☐ I have separated facts from opinions.

☐ I know what I still need to verify.

My Next 3 Actions

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Career Compass reminder: A compass provides direction. It does not walk the journey for you.