

I am considering a career change as I cannot continue with the daily commute to and from work. This daily commute is affecting my family and personal situation. Even though I enjoy my job I want to find alternative employment close to where I live and I would like some advice on how to go about this?

Commuting and traffic congestion is now one of the key reasons for people changing jobs in the current market. As you outlined this situation puts a strain on the individual and the family but more importantly driving with frustration and reduced concentration can be very dangerous.

To resolve this issue there are two options available. The first option is to explore alternative solutions within your existing company. Commuting is a huge issue facing most organisations and their staff. As a result many organisations are exploring alternative such as remote working, reduced working week or flexi-time to help resolve the problem. If you have not already done so, I recommend that you talk to you existing employer about this problem and explore the possibility of resolving this.

If there is no resolution internally then the only other option is to seek alternative employment. The immediate focus should be to identify a similar role within your new geographical requirements. You can use typical strategies like job boards, paper advertisements but also research your chose region to identify networking and direct or application opportunities.