

## **Career Planning – Language skills and case study**

### **Language skills I must learn in order to plan my career in Ireland.**

- List and describe my skills and qualifications.
- Acquire the correct vocabulary to describe my career path.
- Use the correct vocabulary to describe my previous experience and qualifications.
- Prepare and write a good curriculum vitae.
- Source information on courses.
- Link courses to future job options.
- Source information about job opportunities.
- Read and understand work-related English.
- Understand job advertisements and employer requirements.

**Plan this student's career.**

Paul Mylele

Paul is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He thinks he will find it difficult to find a job because he feels he doesn't have any qualifications. He is 29 years old and wants to earn a living in Ireland and be independent. However, he doesn't feel confident enough to look for work and is thinking of doing a course in FÁS. He hasn't decided what course would suit him.

Qualifications:

Paul stayed in school until he was 18 years old. He did very well in his final school examinations, his Baccalaureate. He passed in the following subjects: Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Business Studies.

When he left school he went to work in the family business, a hardware/electrical shop. He worked there for seven years until the business closed.

Previous experience:

- He worked with customers in the shop.
- He bought good and supplies from wholesalers/markets.
- He learned how to keep the accounts in order.
- He learned to drive the delivery van.
- He learned how to fit out display units in the shop.
- He is a fluent French speaker.

**Your View**

Does Paul need extra training?

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Is he ready to search for a job?

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Why is he not confident enough to look for a job?

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List his skills and qualifications

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What advice would you give Paul to start a career path in Ireland?

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Describe his previous work experience

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What type of course would help him to become more confident?

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Where can he find out about work and job opportunities?

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What will Paul's future be like? Do you think he can be successful?

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