



Online job searches increase by 85% as Aussies look to turn over a new leaf in the New Year

Indeed survey reveals that only a quarter of workers are completely happy in their jobs

Sydney, Australia, 12 February 2016 – Over half of Australians (55%) made a resolution to look for a new job in the New Year according to a new survey from Indeed, the world's largest job site. Furthermore, only a quarter of workers are completely happy in their job and are uninterested in making a change.

Indeed has seen a 85% increase in job searches in Australia this month compared to December. Amongst the 42% of professionals either planning to search for a new job in 2016 or considering searching, over 65% believe there are more job openings in January than the rest of the year.

The survey of 1,407 Australian workers revealed that more than one in 10 (13%) Australians are looking to move into a completely different industry.

IT and mathematical roles, legal roles, and business and financial operations roles are currently the least competitive jobs on the market. While this could cause problems for employers who need to fill roles fast, it presents huge opportunities for job seekers to progress up the career ladder by changing jobs or starting work in a new industry with high demand for skills.

On the other hand, those looking for a job in healthcare support, the farming, fish and forestry sector, or general maintenance roles face stiff competition, with these jobs heavily over-subscribed.

For those looking for a new job in their current industry, Australian workers stated reasons including being dissatisfied with their salary (30%), lack of opportunities for job growth at their current company (29%), being bored with their current job (21%), and being unhappy with their direct manager (19%).

Although they evidently approach the task with enthusiasm, Australians face challenges when searching for a new job. Respondents reported their two biggest problems are an increase in the number of people applying for the same job (51%) and the lack of jobs available in specific sectors (45%).

Chris McDonald, Indeed MD, ANZ, commented: "The New Year represents an exciting time in the Australian job market. Job searches are up, but therefore so is competition for roles.

Job seekers should look into which industries are undersubscribed and consider whether they have the skills to fulfil these roles.

"It is also important that job seekers don't put too much pressure on finding the right job simply because of the time of year. Staying on top of new opportunities by using job alerts and keyword searches will help companies and job seekers find the right fit for vacant roles all year round." # # #
About the survey

The national survey was conducted online by Censuswide on behalf of Indeed from December 12, 2015 through January 4, 2016, and included a representative sample of 1,407 workers across varying industries.

About Indeed

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