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*You have been working for a number of years, but in order to progress with your career, you need to have some form of qualification. Take some time to answer the following questions to help you reflect on your career and what you need to do next.*

**Why is it important for you to complete a qualification at this stage in your career?**

**What is your career vision – what do you wish for yourself?**

**What is important to you and how will completing this qualification support what is important to you?**

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If you complete a qualification, how do you see your career changing?

What do you have that you could offer to an employer (think about your skills, knowledge, your strengths)?

What kind of opportunities have you identified once you have completed a qualification – who will pay for what you can provide?

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Which ways have you thoughts of to identify the qualification you need to complete?

What resources have you identified to do research about the qualification you need to complete?

Who can you talk to help you get information and what questions would you want to ask them?

How have you planned to complete this qualification – think about time needed as well as financing?

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What are you still feeling unsure about – what will help you to make this decision?

What are your next steps: what will you do in order to choose the most relevant qualification (think specific steps that you will take)?

**What next?**

- I need to learn more about planning my career: <http://bit.ly/2pVA1yq>

**Talk to us**

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