

What To Do AFTER The Interview

So, the job interview is over ...but what now?

Whether you think your interview went well or not, the worst thing you can do is nothing at all. It's always important to be prepared for any possible outcome – and do the most you can to boost your chances. To help turn your potential post-interview stress into a positive attitude that could help land your dream job, here are some of our top tips on what to do after a job interview:

1. Follow up, but don't be overly keen

After the interview call Cuff Jones and pass on your thoughts and feedback. Following that discussion, and if appropriate, send a brief 'thank you for your time' email direct to the interviewers. Following up is a great way to show an employer your enthusiasm and interest in the role. Your recruitment consultant will be able to advise you on whether this direct follow up is generally appreciated and well received by their client. But remember, when it comes to interview follow-ups, there's a big difference between 'interested' and 'irritating'. So, if an employer doesn't reply to your first communication, take that as a sign to leave it. The ball's in their court now.

2. Evaluate your performance

OK, so maybe you've just had a bad interview. In this situation, it's best to brush it off, forget about it, and move on with your life...right? Wrong.

Whether there's a difficult interview question you need to nail for next time, or you feel like your body language could do with some improvement, it's absolutely vital to take some time out to actually assess how you did – and work out some tangible ways to improve on any potential interview weaknesses. It might not feel like it at the time, but every single interview you go to will teach you something different – so don't miss out on an opportunity to learn. You just might be able to turn your negative experience into a positive one, and get a different (potentially better-suited) job as a result.

3. Don't abandon your job search

Even if you think a job interview went well, it's never a good idea to put all your hopes into one hypothetical opportunity. So keep your options open, and jump straight back onto the job hunting wagon. Having some alternative applications to fall back on in case things don't turn out as planned will keep your job search moving. Even if that 'sure thing' you were banking on doesn't end up coming in.

4. Understand the process

The most important thing to remember about a recruitment process is that it takes time. Decision makers have to go through a number of different stages, and often have to consider a number of candidates before they can make a final decision on who to hire – so don't take their potentially delayed response time personally. Instead, remain calm, and don't jump to any elaborate conclusions just yet. An interviewer will normally give you an indication of how the next steps will play out at the end of an interview, and let you know when you're likely to hear back – and if not, there's no harm in asking politely. Then, you'll have a clear idea of what to expect, and there'll be no need for the unnecessary panic.

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