



Online submission					
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Age	31-40	Gender	Female	State	NSW
Occupation (if available)	University tutor				
Text of submission	<p>I quit my permanent part time job in Feb 2011 to join the casual workforce. This was not an easy decision as I have a chronic medical condition and giving up annual leave and sick pay is not ideal.</p> <p>However, I was offered a great (albeit casual) job opportunity that was a good career move. Long-term gains had to win out over the short-term (and continued) loss of job security.</p> <p>The job I left my secure position for is that of a casual sessional tutor at a University. I was offered work for each session or semester in 2011. At the moment I have only secured work for semester 1, 2012. I adore tutoring and am currently pursuing postgraduate study with an aim to a career in academia. As such, tutoring work is an important first step.</p> <p>However impressive my job title is on paper, I have no regular income to apply for loans or even rental properties. My current rental has just been placed on the market and I'm desperately hoping it doesn't sell until March 2012, otherwise I have no regular working income to include on my rental application for other houses.</p> <p>The only thing keeping my rent currently paid and food on my table is the Disability Pension I receive due to my health problems.</p> <p>Working casually in my case is, in part, a great career move. Financially, however, it puts me at a great disadvantage to my peers who are buying houses and travelling overseas whilst getting paid annual leave to do so. At 35 years old, I must content myself with the knowledge that I will have secure employment and be able to do these things one day. The reality is though, as a young academic, I may not have a permanent position for another 10 years.</p>				

	<p>I shall continue to cross my fingers that emergencies requiring money don't arise during the university's downtime periods and that my house doesn't sell until my next casual contract commences.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.</p>
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