



Self-employment basics

Working for yourself

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? What is self-employment?

Being self-employed means you work for yourself instead of an employer. Examples include dog walking, gardening, making and selling crafts, hair and beauty, and DJing.



The basics

- You are responsible for finding customers and setting prices
- You keep records of the money you earn and spend
- If you earn more than £1,000 a year from self-employment, you usually need to register with HMRC and fill in a tax return
- You may need insurance and, for some jobs, a licence or qualification



Help and support

- Talk to your careers adviser
- The Prince's Trust (now called The King's Trust) supports young people starting businesses
- Ask Jobcentre Plus about self-employment support



Think it through

Self-employment can be flexible, but your income may not be regular, and there's no holiday or sick pay. Many people start it alongside a part-time job.

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