

## 5 ways to expand your skillset

You might be looking to start a brand new career, or perhaps you want to increase your skillset to improve your chances of landing your next dream job. Whatever your reasons, upskilling is a great way to learn something new, increase your opportunities and get a sense of achievement.

Here are five things you can do to develop your skills ready for your next career move.

### 1. Do some research

Find out what skills are most sought-after for the kind of roles you're looking for. You might find they're different to what you were expecting. Try searching online, or connecting with someone on LinkedIn who's in a role that you're interested in.

### 2. Search for free courses online

There are many options for free courses online, some of them even offer certificates or diplomas. Some examples are alison.com and free courses from The Open University. Use a search engine to find more.

### 3. Use the web to your advantage

YouTube is a goldmine for lessons and quick tricks for improving your skills. Once you've decided what skills you want to learn, try looking for a video or articles online that improve your knowledge and understanding of the topic.

### 4. Find a mentor

Decide on a specific skill that you want a mentor for, then ask someone to support you. This could be a friend, an ex-colleague or an online connection. A lot of people would feel honoured to be asked to be a mentor.

### 5. Look out for opportunities

Be aware of any opportunities to help you upskill and take them! For example, you could learn some new skills through helping a friend with a project, or volunteering with a local charity.

