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RELOCATION ISSUES

The fastest way to get from A to B is a straight line. The problem is that in life it is pretty rare to find a simple and direct way to relocate. We've all had the thought pop into our head about moving on or relocating to a better city whether it be to live closer to friends and family, new career opportunities or to enjoy a new lifestyle.

Relocating is not an easy thing. You must deal with a lot of stress and use a great amount of time. This increases the farther away you are from your destination. Traveling and moving arrangements, the children's education, selling the house, buying or renting a new house, etc.. are all factors that must be dealt with in the process. In a lot of cases individuals become so wrapped up with these secondary factors they ignore doing the research on the city and searching for employment.

How many times have you seen a place on the television or heard about a great city from your friends and family? For many individuals this is the basis for making a decision on where to move. However it is very important that you research your choices and the options in order to ensure that all of your and your family's needs will be fulfilled in this new location.

Is the education system right? How is the standard of living? Traffic? Lifestyle? These are only a few of the points that you should examine when weighing your options.

It isn't uncommon to hear from families how their friends had referred them to a what was perceived as a great city but forgot to mention the level of crime, high housing rates or the lack of suitable employers. Browse Canadian Relocation Systems which has information about 50 cities <http://relocatecanada.com> (a good starting point for your research). Or visit <http://relocation101.ca> for relocation books about Calgary, Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria.

One important aspect that many individuals fail to touch upon is researching the job market and the employment opportunities available in a certain city. Everybody has heard the stories about someone's wealthy doctor, engineer or other professional moving to a different city where they end up setting up a convenience store or a small restaurant to make ends meet because they hadn't researched the job market before they relocated. It isn't just good enough to have the skills in the Canadian job market! You need to create networks, find the right employment opportunities, determine which city has the most suitable employers in your field - and this should be done even BEFORE you relocate!

Take a look here: <http://relocatecanada.com/jobs.html>. If you decide to permanently relocate and then search for a job you end up on the downside in two ways:

- 1) You lose the security of your current position and lifestyle and more importantly
- 2) Time becomes your worst enemy.

The first point is somewhat easier to understand than the second, we all know that the most efficient and strategic method of searching for a job is when you actually have one. The security and confidence of knowing that you have something to fall back upon makes you less likely to become desperate and less likely to accept lower paying and underqualified positions.

This can also motivate possible employer companies to offer you more incentives to move over as they realize that you may decide to just stay with your current employer. The second point is a bit harder to see at first. The fact is, is that once you relocated permanently the amount of time has increased since you last worked and (as in the point above) you become a bit more susceptible to employers who realize that they might be able to hire your skills for a lot less knowing that you are a bit more likely to take a position.

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