

The Best Small Business to Start - Questions to Ask Yourself

Part One of Three

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Best Small Business to Start - Your Emotional Requirements

1. What are your passions?
2. What do you read, talk about, dream about?
3. Do you need excitement?
4. Do work and friendships go together?
5. Must you directly help others?
6. Are physical challenges important?
7. Do you need to be surrounded by beauty?
8. Should your business incorporate art and music?
9. Is it necessary to work within strict moral guidelines?
10. Must you solve pressing social or moral issues?
11. Is free time important?
12. Do you need to work with your hands?
13. Do you need to connect deeply with the earth, with others?

Best Small Business To Start - Your Environmental Requirements

1. Do you blossom in a tranquil environment, in a competitive environment?
2. Do you have patience with people, bureaucracy?
3. What annoys you with daily life?
4. Do you think that you can make small improvements in the "daily grind of life" ?
5. Must your work location reflect your personality?
6. Do you enjoy the stability of bureaucracy, size or franchise?
7. Is privacy important?
8. Do you need recognition, publicly, privately?
9. Do you need documented advancement over others?
10. Is independence crucial?
11. Do you need to show your expertise?
12. Do you love challenging problems or using leading edge technology?
13. You don't need supervision?
14. Do time deadlines bring out your best?
15. Do you like to supervise?
16. You enjoy detailed or precision work?
17. Are high earnings a must?
18. Is supplemental income your goal?
19. Do you need authority and responsibility?

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Best Small Business To Start - Identify Your Skill Requirements

1. Speaking
2. Writing
3. Reading with understanding
4. Listening and understanding
5. Summarizing
6. Group facilitating
7. Negotiating
8. Observing people, places, and things
9. Persuading
10. Analyzing - scientific, statistical
11. Editing
12. Identifying problems
13. Interviewing people
14. Setting goals
15. Dreaming
16. Predicting or forecasting
17. Counseling and sharing feelings
18. Teaching
19. Motivating
20. Resolving conflict
21. Making tough decisions (someone will be hurt)

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