



**GRADS  
TO  
VETS**

## TOP TIPS FOR YOUR FIRST JOB HUNT

**Take a break after graduation.** If possible, don't start work straight after graduation. Have some time off - you've earned it!

**Think about your location.** Wherever possible choose a location where you have family or friends.

**Meet your future colleagues.** You're going to rely on your colleagues a lot in the first few months so choose somewhere where the other vets seem approachable. Try to spend at least a morning in a practice to meet other members of the team and get a feel for the practice atmosphere.

**Focus on your aims for the first year.** Try to focus on what you want to get from your first year in practice, not what you think you might want in the next five to ten years.

**Don't rush.** Don't feel pressured into taking the first job offer that you get, take the time to find a practice that feels right for you.

**Consider shared accommodation.** When you've found the right job for you, think about renting a room in a house or flat share. It is economical compared to renting somewhere on your own and can sometimes lead to new friendships.

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