

Contractor doctor: how does contract work compare with permanent work?

Dear Contractor Doctor,

I'm interested in going contracting, but am concerned about the type/quality of work I'll be asked to do. I don't want to get the rubbish left over that the permies won't do.

Do I need to be concerned? What kind of work do contractors do compared to permanent staff?

Thanks

Matt Hobson

Contractor Doctor says:

Thanks for your question.

It is one of the [common contracting myths](#) that contract work is the boring tasks left over which permanent employees are not prepared to do. This is not the case at all. There are many reasons [why firms hire contractors](#).

From a commercial perspective, if a firm has an unattractive piece of work that needs doing it is much more likely to squeeze the bandwidth out of its existing workforce than hire an expensive contractor.

Contractors do similar work to permanent staff with the same level of experience. There really is no distinction.

When you are contracting you are in charge of your own professional destiny. A client cannot insist that you tackle a piece of unattractive work for which you were not hired to do.

Good luck with your contracting!

Contractor Doctor

Published: Friday, April 11, 2008

[Tweet](#)

© 2011 All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part without permission is prohibited. Please see our [copyright notice](#). If you want to use any content you have seen on this site then please [request our media pack](#) and ask for details of our Content Licencing Service.

Readers Comments...



Be the first to comment on this article

Also of interest...

Related Guides:

- [Common Reasons People Go Contracting](#)
- [Myths about Contracting](#)
- [Moving From Permanent to Contracting - Case Study 1](#)
- [Why Firms Hire Contractors](#)
- [Writing The Killer CV](#)
- [Am I Good Enough for Contracting?](#)
- [Advantages/Disadvantages of Contracting](#)
- [How to Find a Contract](#)

Related Calculators:

- [Permanent To Contracting Calculator](#)
- [Permanent Financial Profile Calculator](#)
- [Permanent Salary Comparison Calculator](#)
- [Target Income Calculator](#)



ABCe verified website - last audit confirmed **130,682 monthly unique visitors**

© Copyright 2011 Byte-Vision Limited UK. All rights reserved [Copyright notice](#)