

Contractor doctor: do I need to be an expert to go contracting?

Dear Contractor Doctor,

I'm bored with permanent employment and can tick every box in your article regarding the [reasons permanent employees go contracting](#).

I'd love to go contracting for the lifestyle and more money, but am concerned that I'm not good enough to be considered an expert in my field.

Can I still go contracting even though I'm not a guru?

Thanks

[Name supplied]

Contractor Doctor says:

Thanks for your question.

Not being good enough is probably the number one concern permanent employees have about going contracting.

However, it is one of the [common myths about contracting](#) that all contractors are experts. Anyone can go contracting, and contractors skills range from little experience to industry experts.

There are many reasons [why firms hire contractors](#). The demand for contractors is driven commercially by the need for a flexible workforce, not by the need for experts and gurus.

Regards

Contractor Doctor

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