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Negotiating Pay and Improving Career Value

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LESSON PURPOSE

Learn how to increase your earning potential by improving your professional skills, preparing for salary discussions, demonstrating your value at work, and creating opportunities for career growth.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Your income is often linked to the value you bring to an employer or clients. By improving your knowledge, skills, communication, and performance, you become more valuable in the workplace. Learning how to negotiate your salary professionally and confidently can lead to better pay, greater job satisfaction, and long-term financial growth.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- ☐ I want to increase my earning potential.
 - ☐ I am willing to improve my professional skills.
 - ☐ I understand the importance of preparation.
 - ☐ I will complete every activity honestly.
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MONEY TIP OF THE LESSON

"People are paid for the value they create. Increase your value, and your earning potential often increases too."

MY CONFIDENCE LEVEL BEFORE THIS LESSON

1 2 3 4 5

Not Confident • Neutral • Very Confident

MY GOAL FOR THIS LESSON

What career improvement would have the biggest impact on your income?

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ACTIVITY 1

My Career Growth Opportunities

Identify areas where you can improve your professional value.

Opportunity	Action I Will Take
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Learn a new skill	
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Earn a certification	
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Improve communication	
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Increase productivity	
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Take on more responsibility	
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Expand my professional network	
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ACTIVITY 2

Career Value Self-Assessment

Statement	Good	Needs Improvement	Not Yet
I continue learning new skills.	☐	☐	☐
I understand my strengths.	☐	☐	☐
I prepare before discussing salary.	☐	☐	☐
I contribute positively at work.	☐	☐	☐
I actively plan my career growth.	☐	☐	☐

KNOWLEDGE CHECK

1. Why is career value important?

2. What should you do before negotiating your salary?

3. Why are professional skills valuable?

4. How can taking on more responsibility improve your career?

5. Name one way to increase your earning potential.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Choose one professional skill that could help increase your income.

Write three actions you will take during the next month to improve that skill.

PRACTICAL WORKSHEET – MY CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A. MY CURRENT STRENGTHS

Strength How It Helps My Career

B. MY SKILL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Skill to Improve How I Will Learn It Target Date

C. MY CAREER GOALS

Goal	Target Date
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Increase my salary

Earn a promotion

Complete professional training

Expand my professional network

D. REFLECTION

What is the most valuable professional skill you can develop over the next year, and how will it improve your career opportunities?

KEY TAKEAWAYS – WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

1. The professional skill I will improve first is:

2. One way I will increase my career value is:

3. One action I will take before my next salary discussion is:

4. The biggest lesson I learned today is:

MY 7-DAY CAREER GROWTH ACTION PLAN

Day 1: Identify one valuable professional skill.

Day 2: Research learning opportunities.

Day 3: Update my CV or résumé.

Day 4: Set one measurable career goal.

Day 5: Build a professional connection.

Day 6: Practice communicating my achievements.

Day 7: Review my progress and plan my next career step.

LESSON COMPLETION CHECKLIST

☐ I completed all activities.

☐ I completed my Career Development Plan.

☐ I identified new skills to improve.

☐ I created a plan to increase my career value.

☐ I am ready for Lesson 27.

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NEXT LESSON PREVIEW

Lesson 27 – Creating Multiple Income Streams

Discover how building more than one source of income can improve your financial security, reduce financial risk, and help you reach your financial goals faster.

MY COMMITMENT

I commit to continuously improving my skills, increasing the value I provide, preparing professionally for career opportunities, and taking consistent action to grow my income and achieve long-term financial success.

Signature: _____

Date: _____