

Starting at the bottom is not a great place, but most individuals will have to start a position at entry-level in order to prove themselves worthy of a better position. However, this does not come without challenges and sacrifices in the process of climbing the ladder of success.

Pay

One of the most grueling aspects of an entry-level position is the pay, or lack thereof. While many people do not mind "working their way up", they often find it disheartening that they have to work three jobs to afford the effort. With any luck, you will find a company that is understanding of your need for sleep and is willing to pay you adequately for your time.

Low man on the totem pole

Another challenging aspect of an entry-level position is that you are "below" everyone else in the company. What does this mean? You have absolutely no seniority, so you will be the first to get all the work no one else wants and you will be last in line to take vacation time, if you even have any. You will also be the one turned to in order to do all of the really challenging jobs, which may include making the coffee, taking the trash out, or finding out what smells funny in the office refrigerator. Do not lose faith; with any luck, in time you will be the one delegating these duties to the new person.

Finding a job in the first place

Actually, finding an entry-level job in the first place is quite an accomplishment. Most companies require years of experience to qualify for a position, so it becomes difficult for someone without experience to find employment that does not require the phrase, "do you want fries with that?"

You have to overcome a lot of obstacles, but the effort will be worth it in a few years when you finally get that corner office.