

## After 12, On a Cross Road ...?

*There are many options to choose from*

### **1. To stick to the already chosen stream and continue higher education in the same stream**

- If you study science with PCM, you can go for higher education in engineering, architecture, design, Information Technology, and pure sciences degrees in physics, chemistry, mathematics, statistics etc.
- If you have science with PCB you can go for [MBBS](#), allied medical fields like dentistry, Ayurveda, veterinary etc.
- Lot of interesting options are available in bio chemistry, microbiology, biotechnology, bioinformatics and pure sciences like botany, zoology, and research in biological sciences.
- If you have commerce you can go for B Com, Eco Hons or utilize your skills in the financial sector.
- With humanities you can go for BA in your chosen subject and move to professional courses.

### **2. Sit for an Entrance exam**

Depending on the stream you have you can sit for an [entrance-exams-after-12th](#). For most sought after courses in the reputed colleges the admission is through **entrance exams** for courses like BBA, Eco-Hons, English Hons, Foreign Language.

If you wish to join the Armed forces then you can sit for the entrance exams like NDA after class 12<sup>th</sup>.

One needs to plan for these entrance exams as these are held at different times in the year and one has to fill the application form well in advance and follow the process to appear in the exam. While some entrance exams are also available in an online format like JEE for engineering there are still many which are offered in online and offline mode both, so you need to plan the test centre and travel etc.

### **3. Change your stream and choose higher education**

On the basis of your aptitude and interest you can make a change from your stream to other course and career options. From science stream, one can change to commerce stream but from commerce stream one cannot shift to science stream. So ideally one should explore the college and course and carefully look for the eligibility criteria to make the right decision in right time.

### **4. Choose a professional course**

There are many professional courses that one can opt for **after 12<sup>th</sup>**. The admissions to these courses are through entrance exams for the entrances. There are many professional courses like Law, Management, Hotel Management, Design, Mass communication and Journalism etc which one can opt for to make a successful career. Most of these courses offer good career opportunity so one should choose the course that matches best with one's strengths.

### **5. Choose a vocational course**

Vocational courses like Travel and Tourism and Office administration also offer good choice for many.

So by now, you know of four different things that you can do to decide about **what to do after 12<sup>th</sup>**..Actually there are many students who think that they know **what to do after 12<sup>th</sup>** but sadly they are mistaken. As per a recent study, almost 80% or more people at work place feel stressed out because they are career misfits. The root cause of his problem is because of the wrong choices they make **after 12<sup>th</sup>**

Finally now you can draw up your own plan of action, for the career choices you may have selected. Keep yourself open to at least two or three options as your first choice may sometimes not work out. Highly competitive entrance test, and limited seats in the course or college of your choice may reduce your options. High costs of certain courses may also require you to look at alternatives

Setting goals is just another way of saying, knowing what we plan to do in the future. Doing this doesn't means that we can't change our goals as we can change our minds or learn about new thing that interest us. They just help us to paint a mental picture of where we'd like to be at certain time in our lives.