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What Makes People Become A Personal Chef?

While there is no one single answer to this question, there are factors common to the vast majority of people who explore this career and make the move. Personal chefs set their own schedule. If you do not want to work on Tuesday, block that day from your calendar. Simple. Personal chefs enjoy doing something they love to do anyway – and now they earn a decent income doing something they'd probably do anyway if time allowed. Personal chefs get a tremendous amount of self-satisfaction, and unlike the majority of other occupations, a personal chef is very likely to get a call or note from a client expressing their sincere thanks. But a lot of these elements are only realized after the switch has been made. So what makes people examine this career from the outside? Several factors seem to be common. One is the stay-at-home mom (or dad), whose children have grown to an age where being home full time is no longer a requirement, and they begin to explore options for part time or full time work, doing something they want to do. Another situation is the person who has put in 20+ years in “corporate America” and has soured on scramble. Corporate resizing, the threat of being laid off, the inner-office politics, the lack of satisfaction, the requirement to deal with people they'd really rather not, etc, etc. These people realize that they've done their traditional duty, and want to take more control of their own situation and destination. And a third reason heard is the life “wake-up” call, where some life event (the passing of a friend, etc) makes you realize that life is not forever, and you've got X amount of time remaining – and how to make the most of that time. The days where an individual works at one factory or business for 40 years, gets a gold watch and sits on the porch are history. There has been a true explosion of the masses who are sitting up and taking a hard look at what's ahead. The common theme here is that they want to do something they actually like to do, instead of punching a clock for someone else.

