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## Overcoming barriers



People can put up all sorts of barriers for themselves through fear, lack of confidence or simply lack of information. The [previous section](#) identifies the most common ones. Individual customers may describe different ones. Unless you tackle the barriers that appear important to the individual customer, it may be more difficult to help the customer move forward.

But some people have very difficult issues to contend with, such as homelessness, alcohol problems or a criminal record. We deal with these separately in [The hardest to help](#).

Executive and professional 50+ jobseekers may also have particular difficulties. They have often not been made redundant before and are usually unfamiliar with current recruitment methods or the public employment system. They need time for re-orientation and re-motivation. They may also have to face up to the possibility of a career change involving lower status and less well paid jobs.

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