



## Accountancy Vs. Interior Designing

Dear Jackie

My husband and I are accountants and we are running an accounting firm. My son has graduated from his final school exam and we are arranging him for higher education in the university. We wanted our son to further his study in accountancy so that when we retire, he can take over the business.

My son is of a different

opinion. He does not like accounting work. He likes to be an interior designer.

We want to have your opinion of our son's hands.

Madam Lee (my son is 18 and right-handed)

Dear Madam Lee

Thank goodness your son has a mind of his own. He is unlike many young school leavers who are confused and clueless to their next step in choosing an educational program. I can understand how much you wanted your son to become an accounting professional for job security and reward.

But for this one, I have to stand on the side of your son because in both of his hands I cannot pick up a sign that says he is interested in financial statements and books of accounts.

On the contrary, he has a knack for arts and creative works. If you allow him to follow his passion, he would not feel like it is work but something he loves doing. It is going to be a professional path that will bring him great satisfaction. Give him a chance to exercise his inborn talent.

A degree holder in interior design will equip him to venture out into a wide variety of jobs. He can work as an architect, estate manager, furniture designer, interior designer, graphic designer, product designer, stylist and textile designer.

However, there is one drawback. An interior designer may be in danger of being on the chopping board during an economic downturn. They can be laid off when property demand contracts. So they are not immune to economic downturn.

An accountant will always get to keep his job because everybody needs to file a tax return whether it is good times or bad times.

So, in the event your son takes up the interior designing course, he needs to prepare to protect his income by building an emergency saving fund.

Jackie