

These days, more people are going to university than in the past. They start work later in life and with higher qualifications.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

**Introduction** - make a general comment about the topic based on your general knowledge & experience and/or the current situation in your country. Make it clear to the reader if you think it's a positive or negative development.

**Para 1a** (if you think positive) – focus on **advantages** of going to university

- greater job prospects in the future
- possibility to start career at higher level / earn better salary
- possible opportunities to work overseas

**Para 1b** (if you think negative) – focus on **drawbacks** of going to university

- students get into a lot of debt
- if unemployment high, no guarantee of job
- overqualified for many jobs that are available
- no work experience

**iPass tip** – even if you think it's a positive development, include at least one negative aspect to show you have considered the alternative viewpoint.

**Para 2a** – focus on **advantages** for society of having more qualified workforce

- more highly skilled workers
- more competitive in world market
- boosts productivity / innovation / national economy

**Para 2b** – focus on **drawbacks** of people starting work later in life

- fewer people paying taxes / contributing to economy
- not enough people doing manual jobs / learning practical skills
- people having (fewer) children later in life (possible health risks)

**Conclusion** – reaffirm your own opinion by summing up your main idea/argument but avoid using the same vocabulary.

**iPass tip** – leave the reader with an interesting thought or question to consider regarding how the situation might develop in the future.

