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Inevitably, legal studies will come to an end and it will be time to move on. Preparing to move on is something to give thought to throughout the period of legal studies, even if the focus is quite strong towards the later stages. The student will need to apply for many opportunities, such as vacation schemes with law firms, quite early on in their degree — particularly if they want to make full use of the time they have before graduation. This chapter looks at what the student can do to be prepared to move on, to increase their chances of success in the next stage of their life, and maximise the value of their time as a law student. It looks in particular at the importance of planning and reflection, sources of support and guidance, preparing CVs and applications and dealing with setbacks.