Graphic Design career advise in tough times

Where to from here with my passion for design

I am a graphic designer with 3 years experience; I am looking for a job in Western Cape (Cape Town)
Having signed up with some placement agencies and looking online daily,
I am not having any luck. I am currently freelancing, but would prefer the stability of a permanent job. I have freehand,
Illustrator, Photoshop, and Indesign. I am doing a part time course in Maya to add to my skills.
I am wondering should I consider a new career entirely, or am I on the right track and retrenchments in the industry just
mean tough times for all no matter where you are?
Thanks

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