

Resume Checklist

Key Components of a Professional Resume

Use this comprehensive checklist to ensure your resume includes all essential elements and is ready for submission:

Contact Information

- Full Name
- Professional Email Address
- Phone Number
- LinkedIn Profile (if applicable)
- Personal Website or Portfolio (if applicable)

Professional Summary or Objective

- Clear, concise statement summarizing your career goals and qualifications
- Tailored to the specific job or industry

Work Experience

- Listed in reverse chronological order
- Job Title, Company Name, Location, and Dates of Employment for each position
- Bullet points describing responsibilities and achievements
- Quantifiable results and accomplishments
- Use of strong action verbs

Education

- Highest degree obtained
(include degree type and field of study)
- Name of the institution, location, and graduation date
- Relevant honors, awards, or academic achievements

Skills

- List of relevant hard and soft skills
- Specific technical or industry-related skills
- Language proficiencies (if applicable)

Certifications and Awards

- Any relevant professional certifications or licenses
- Notable awards or recognitions

Additional Sections (if applicable)

- Volunteer Experience
- Internships
- Publications or Research
- Professional Affiliations
- Projects or Portfolio Work

Formatting and Style

- Consistent font type and size (10-12 pt for body text)
- Clear headings and subheadings
- Adequate white space for easy readability
- Bulleted lists for easy scanning
- Consistent alignment and spacing

General Review

- Proofread for spelling and grammatical errors
- Checked for consistency in tense and formatting
- Verified accuracy of all information
(dates, names, numbers)
- Ensured overall length is appropriate
(generally one page for early-career, two pages for more experienced professionals)

Tailoring for Job Application

- Resume customized to align with the job description
- Keywords from the job posting included
- Highlighted most relevant experiences and skills for the role

This checklist is designed to guide you in creating a comprehensive and professional resume. Before submitting your resume, make sure each of these elements is addressed effectively to present your qualifications in the best possible light.

