

Chronological CV Your name should be the title of your CV; using "Curriculum Vitae" is Your full name a waste of space. Your home address Your mobile phone number Make sure it's a professional one, Your personal email address preferably yourname@

Personal statement

This should be a short summary, no longer than 50 words, that describes your experience level, qualifications and intentions. You don't have to write in full sentences – cutting pronouns (L you, we, they) is a great way of saving space.

Example:

Highly motivated [current or most recent job title] in the [sector] sector, with [number] years' experience and a [grade] in [qualification] from [the institution]. Proven experience of [skill 1], [skill 2] and [skill 3]. Looking for a challenging and rewarding role in a [company type – e.g. recruitment company, charitable organisation, solicitor's firm]

Employment

Start with your current or most recent role, then work your way backwards.



Company name

Location

Use the format: MM/YY – MM/YY

Employment Dates

Give a brief explanation of what the company does and what your role involved.

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Key achievements:

- Use bullet points rather than large paragraphs as they're are easier to skim
- List key experiences keep them relevant to the job you're applying for
- Try to back up your points with stats or financial figures
- Don't use abbreviations or language that your employer won't be familiar with
- Avoid cliché statements that every other candidate will use
- Use powerful verbs, such as 'created' 'implemented', 'managed' and 'developed'
- Offer less details for older jobs, only including highly relevant information

Key Skills

Only include skills relevant to the role

- Note software you've used and courses you've attended
- Back skills up with evidence, or examples of when you've used them
- If you're changing careers, this section will be invaluable

Education

List qualifications most relevant to the job first

Spread the information evenly across the page to keep it balanced and easier to skim

Professional Body

Location

Dates

Course title, (grade); Course title (grade); Course title (grade)

University Name

Location

Dates

Course title, (grade); Course title (grade); Course title (grade)

College Name

Location

Dates

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School Name Location **Dates**

Course Title (grade), Course Title (grade), Course Title (grade)

At this point, a short summary will normally suffice: 11 GCSEs (A* - B), inc. English (A*), Math (B) and Science (C)

Personal Interests

The hobbies you include should display personal traits required for the role.

References

'Available upon request' will suffice, but make sure you have two prepared

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