Resume Checklist



Layout & Appearance	Yes	No
Is my name at the top of the page and in bold? Are my address, phone number and email easy to read?		
Is my resume an appropriate length? (1 page preferred)		
Is formatting (e.g. bold, font, bullet sizes, heading styles) consistent throughout the resume? Are the headings and statements evenly spaced?		
Are verb tenses in the present tense for current jobs? Are verb tenses in the past tense for previous jobs?		
Do I have approximately 2-6 statements per job? (Bullet form is recommended.)		
Content	Yes	No
Does my objective statement clearly state what I am seeking and what I will bring to the position?		
Did I include the following headings: Education, Experience, and Skills?		
Does my education section state my official degree and expected graduation date? Did I include my cumulative GPA (if a 3.0 or above)? Is my GPA accurate?		
Do my statements demonstrate major accomplishments rather than routine tasks/duties? Check the statements that demonstrate your accomplishments.		
Do my accomplishment statements start with action verbs? (See below for examples of action verbs.)		
Do my accomplishment statements demonstrate the use of key skills? (See top skills employers seek.)		
Do my statements demonstrate the results of my accomplishments? Did I quantify my results (e.g. use numbers when possible)?		
Does my resume end with strength? (e.g. Skills, Activities section)		
Is my resume completely free from spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors?		

Action Words

accomplished achieved adapted administered advised analyzed arranged assembled assessed authored balanced bargained broadened budgeted	completed composed concluded conducted coordinated corresponded created demonstrated designed developed directed drafted earned edited	familiarized formulated gained generated identified implemented improvised increased influenced initiated instructed interpreted interviewed introduced	monitored motivated negotiated obtained operated organized participated planned presented produced programmed promoted provided purchased	scheduled selected solved started streamlined strengthened structured supervised surveyed taught tested trained transformed translated traveled
balanced	directed	instructed	programmed	tested trained
bargained	drafted	interpreted	promoted	transformed
broadened	earned	interviewed	provided	translated

*Top Skills Employers Seek

- 1. Communication skills
- 2. Computer skills
- 3. Strong work ethic
- 4. Teamwork skills (works well w/others)
- 5. Initiative

- 6. Analytical Skills
- 7. Flexibility/adaptability
- 8. Interpersonal skills (relates well to others)
- 9. Problem-solving skills
- 10. Technical skills

^{*}National Association of Colleges and Employers, November 2008.

^{*}Resume checklist courtesy of George Mason University