



## Recruiting for excellence

### CV Guide

#### 1.Name

#### 2.Personal Statement

This brief (6-8 lines) snapshot should identify your current motivations and long term career objectives

Try to strike a comfortable balance between including information on past, present, and future as well as between professional and personal realms.  
Know your audience

#### 3.Employment History

- Start with you most recent positions
- List your job title, company name and duties
- Use bullet points to illustrate key achievements using measurable indicators (e.g. improve productivity by 50% in first year)
- Ensure your dates correspond and there are no gaps

#### 4.Education and Qualifications

List your most recent qualifications (e.g. Degree, A' level and GCSE)  
Also provide information on your professional qualifications (e.g. ACCA, CEng, CIPD)  
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#### 6.Personal Details

- Full Name
- Address
- Telephone and mobile numbers
- Email
- DOB

#### 7.Hobbies and Interests

(real ones!!) Try to steer away from the usual socialising and eating out options

#### 8.References

You should normally provide 2 employment references however you can state "References available upon request" if you feel this to be a more suitable option.



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### Key tips

1. **Try not to write a biography - 2 pages should be sufficient!**
2. **Understand the job you are applying for and make sure you use similar terminology when detailing skills.**
3. **You may at times have to emphasise different sections of your CV, which means editing and refining your CV template**
4. **Your CV should be easy to read – use bullet point formats when describing duties and key achievements.**
5. **Check your spelling and grammar.**
6. **Include a covering letter (only where necessary) this should include your key skills and experiences for specific roles.**
7. **Please try to refrain from using photocopies – original or emailed CV's are better for our consultants to sell your skills.**