

FIVE THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN FORMATTING A RESUME

#1

Keep your resume to one page. Two page resumes are more typical for professionals who have been working in their fields for at least 5 years.

#2

Remember the three C's: Consistent, Clear, Clean.

Your resume should be neat, organized, and easy to read. Use a conservative font like Times New Roman in a 10–11 point font for a look that is professional and easy to scan. Proof multiple times to make sure your document is error-free.

#3

Ditch the objective statement. They take up valuable space, are redundant, and most people don't read them.

#4

Stick with a conservative format. Many applicant tracking systems can't read creative elements like shapes, graphics, pictures and shading. Business resumes shouldn't have color or superfluous lines.

#5

Use a reverse chronological format. Lead with your most recent experience, and your first descriptive bullet for each job should highlight your most significant or relevant responsibility or accomplishment.