Basic chronological resume format

With a chronological format, you list your job history and education in reverse chronological order, meaning the most recent and relevant information is listed first.

Try to keep each section concise and list only the education and experience that will be relevant to your prospective employer. Be specific rather than general, and use as many facts, figures and numbers as possible.

First and last name

 $Home\ address, city, postal\ code,\ 555\text{-}555\text{-}5555, yourname} @emailaddress.net$

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

This is where you should give your prospective employer a brief overview of your notable skills as well as professional characteristics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-2012 Company name and job title

Description of job duties and acquired skills

2009-2011 Company name and job title

Description of job duties and acquired skills

2008-2009 Company name and job title

Description of job duties and acquired skills

EDUCATION

2004-2008 Degree earned

Name of school

2000-2004 Degree earned

Name of school

Basic functional resume format

A functional resume format doesn't bother with chronology. You list only the relevant skills and abilities without mentioning dates, employer names or education history.

This format can be useful for people who are returning to the workforce after many years or those who have just graduated and don't yet have much experience. It allows you to highlight your skills and abilities, without drawing too much attention to gaps in your career and education history or a lack of practical experience.

First and last name

Home address, city, postal code, 555-555-5555, yourname@emailaddress.net

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

This is where you should give your prospective employer a brief overview of your notable skills as well as professional characteristics. Use these bullets to highlight your key accomplishments and further define your skills to give your prospective employer a better picture of your abilities.

Skill #1

Skill #2

Skill#3

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Job title

Company name and brief overview of job duties

Job title

Company name and brief overview of job duties

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Use bullet points to list any places you may have volunteered where you gained and developed transferrable skills.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Degree earned

Name of school

Qualification earned

Name of school

Basic combination resume format

With a combination format, you use both styles by listing any relevant skills and abilities as well as experience and education in chronological order.

If there are jobs that aren't relevant to the position you are applying for, you can simply list the job title and dates, without going into detail about the tasks you performed.

First and last name

Home address, city, postal code, 555-555-555, yourname@emailaddress.net

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Skill #1

Skill #2

Skill #3

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011-2012 Company name and job title

Description of job duties and acquired skills

2009-2011 Company name and job title

Description of job duties and acquired skills

2008-2009 Company name and job title

Description of job duties and acquired skills

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2004-2008 Degree earned

Name of school

2000-2004 Degree earned

Name of school