





CAREER GUIDE WORKSHOP CV TRAINING

Building a Professional CV that Stands Out

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What is a CV



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A CV, or curriculum vitae, is a detailed document that summarizes a person's career, education, and **accomplishments.**



CV vs. Résumé

A CV, is a detailed document that outlines your entire academic and professional history. It includes information like education, work experience, skills, publications, awards, and other achievements. CVs are typically longer, often 2-3 pages or more

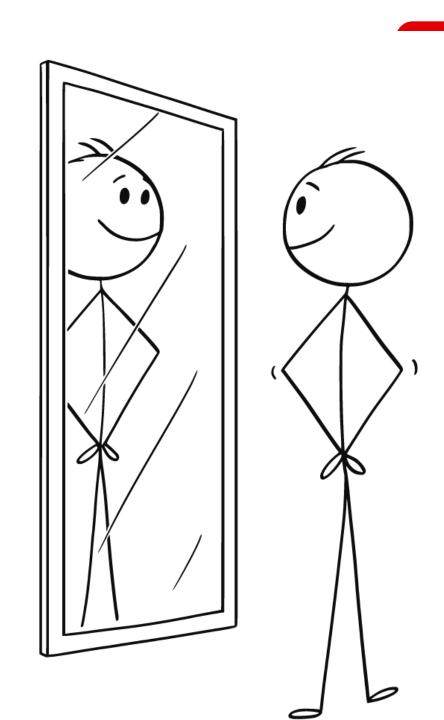
A resume, on the other hand, is a shorter, more concise document that highlights your most relevant experiences and skills tailored to a specific job. resumes are usually 1-2 pages.

In the U.S. and Canada, resumes are more common for job applications, whereas in Europe, the Middle East, **Africa**, and Asia, a CV is commonly used.



A CV is like your other self, representing you in your absence. It stands before employers, visa officers, admissions committees, and scholarship boards, advocating for you.

It demonstrates why you are the ideal candidate to be called for an interview, granted a visa, awarded a scholarship, or selected for the job you are pursuing. It justifies your qualifications, achievements, and potential, highlighting what sets you apart.



Types of CVs

- Chronological CV: Focus on work history.
- Functional CV: Focus on skills.
- Academic CV: For scholarships/research.
- Combination CV: Mix of skills and experience.

WRITING IMPACTFUL CV

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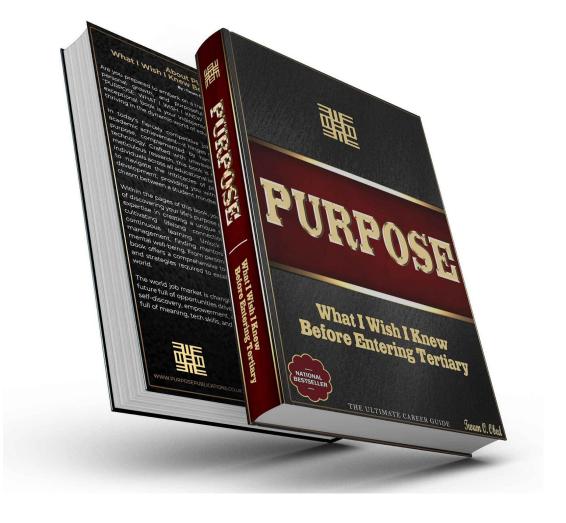












Dos and Don'ts of CV Writing

Dos	Don'ts
1. Tailor your CV for each job, scholarship, or role you apply for.	1. Don't use one generic CV for all applications.
2. Highlight achievements with measurable results (e.g., increased sales by 20%).	2. Don't exaggerate or lie about your skills, qualifications, or experience.
3. Use professional fonts like Arial or Times New Roman, size 10–12.	3. Don't use unprofessional fonts (e.g., Comic Sans or decorative styles).
4. Keep it concise: 1–2 pages unless it's an academic CV.	4. Don't overload your CV with unnecessary information.
5. Include contact information : name, email, and phone (professional email only).	5. Don't include sensitive personal details (e.g., marital status, religion).
6. Use strong action verbs like "achieved," "developed," and "led."	6. Don't use passive phrases or vague descriptions (e.g., "Responsible for").
7. Organize sections clearly with headings like Education, Skills, and Experience.	7. Don't create a cluttered layout with inconsistent formatting.
8. Proofread for spelling, grammar, and formatting errors.	8. Don't submit a CV with typos or unpolished sections.
9. Add relevant skills like technical, leadership, or language proficiencies.	9. Don't include irrelevant skills that don't match the job requirements.
10. Include professional references or state "Available upon request."	10. Don't use family members or unprofessional references.

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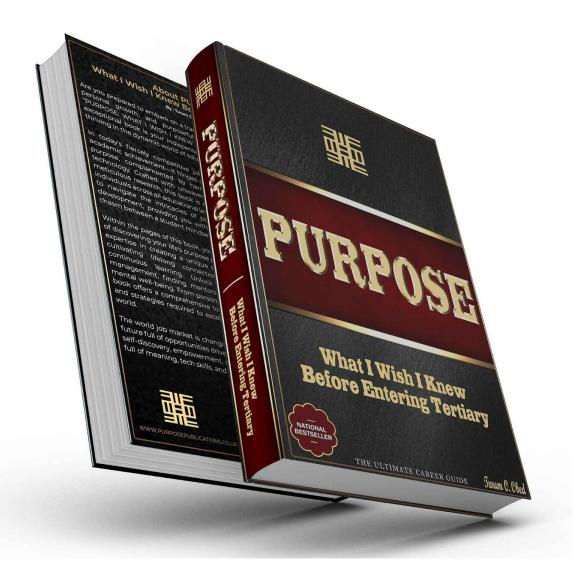
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Thank you!











