

Section-By-Section Resume Editing Checklist

HEADER/SUMMARY: My introductory section includes	Yes	No
Only my primary contact information, including a professional email address		
My target job title		
A summary explaining what I have to offer, not a career objective		
Optionally, a link to my professional portfolio and/or LinkedIn profile		
CORE COMPETENCIES: My list of key skills has	Yes	No
10-15 keywords		
A clear visual separation from the summary		
No acronyms, except when accompanied by the unabbreviated name		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: My previous jobs are	Yes	No
Described in the correct tense		
Listed in reverse chronological order		
Undated and listed in "additional experience" subsection if held 15+ years ago		
Enriched with bulleted accomplishments explaining what you did and measurable results		
SUPPLEMENTAL SECTIONS: For sections I have opted to include, I have checked that	Yes	No
Publications: titles are hyperlinked where possible		
Honors & Awards: descriptions are added when helpful		
Education: GPA is provided only if 3.8 or higher		
Professional Development: no irrelevant/unrelated workshops or conferences are included		
Professional Credentials: any past licenses/certifications are labeled "inactive"		
Memberships/Affiliations: no potentially controversial organizations are listed		