**Difference b/w CV and Resume**

What is CV?

A CV (full form Curriculum Vitae which is Latin for “course of life”) is an in-depth document which describes the whole course of your career in full detail. It’s usually two- or three-page long but can just as well be laid out over 10+ pages, if necessary. A Curriculum Vitae contains details about your education, professional career, publications, awards, honors, and other achievements. In the USA and Canada, a CV is used only for academic applications: academic jobs, grants, research fellowships, etc.

**What to Include in a CV:**

1. Contact Information
2. Research Objective, Professional Profile, or Personal Statement
3. Education
4. Professional Academic Appointments
5. Books
6. Book Chapters
7. Peer-Reviewed Publications
8. Other Publications
9. Awards and Honors
10. Grants and Fellowships
11. Conferences
12. Teaching Experience
13. Research Experience / Lab Experience / Graduate Fieldwork
14. Non-Academic Activities
15. Languages and Skills
16. Memberships
17. References

What is Resume?

A resume (or [résumé](https://zety.com/blog/resume-spelling), from French “to sum up”) is a short, concise document used for job applications in the US and Canada. The purpose of a resume is to provide recruiters with a brief overview of the candidate’s work history. A good resume should be targeted at a specific job and one to two pages long.

**What to Include on a Resume:**

1. [Contact Information](https://zety.com/blog/resume-contact-information)
2. [Resume Summary](https://zety.com/blog/resume-summary) or [Resume Objective](https://zety.com/blog/resume-objective)
3. [Work Experience](https://zety.com/blog/work-experience-resume)
4. [Education](https://zety.com/blog/education-on-resume)
5. [Skills](https://zety.com/blog/what-skills-to-put-on-a-resume)
6. [Additional Sections](https://zety.com/blog/resume-sections) (Awards, Courses, Publications, Certificates, Conferences, etc.)

## **CV vs. Resume: The Difference Between a CV and a Resume**

The difference between a CV and a resume lies in the length, layout, and purpose of these documents. CVs have no length limit; resumes are typically one to two pages long. A CV details the whole course of the candidate’s academic career; a resume summarizes skills and work experience. CVs are used for academic purposes, resumes—to apply for jobs.

All of the above holds true for the US and Canada.

**But what about international applications?**

### ****Resume vs. CV: International Differences & When to Use Which****

**In all of Europe (the UK, Ireland, and other European countries), as well as New Zealand, the term CV is used to describe an equivalent of a US resume**: a short, targeted document you use to apply for jobs. There’s no such thing as a “resume” there.

There are only minor, region-specific differences between a New Zealand or European CV and an American resume. To learn more about writing a job CV,

**In Australia and South Africa, “Curriculum Vitae” and “resume” are synonyms that can be used interchangeably.** Both words refer to a brief, one- to two-page document.  
  
**In South Asia, job seekers might need to use a slightly different document: a biodata**. It’s a document which contains more personal, “biographical” data (hence the name): date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, marital status, and salary. It’s commonly used in India and Bangladesh.