

Federal Resumes



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Building a Federal Resume

1. Access <u>https://www.usajobs.gov/</u>

2. Click on CREATE AN ACCOUNT.

3. Enter email address and username. (The email you use will be linked to the account. Make sure it is a professional email).

4. USAJobs will send you a link to activate your account.

5. Once back on USAJobs, enter the appropriate information to complete creating your account. Password is case-sensitive and has special requirements.

6. Complete the Profile section. Enter appropriate eligibilities you qualify for. If you are not sure refer to page 9 and 10 of this handout.

(Required information will have a red star next to it) Ensure all information is current and correct. You cannot receive a job offer if they are unable to contact you due to bad information. If your information changes ensure to update it online prior to applying for any new positions. In your USAJOBS account you can:

- Build or upload a new *Resume*
- Upload and save *Documents* required to support your application
- Check your Application Status
- Create Job Search Agents
- Review any Saved Jobs

7. Upload supporting documents under the SAVED DOCUMENTS tab. Any documents needed to verify status/eligibility should be uploaded to include but not limited to:

- DD 214
- Spouse's PCS orders
- Marriage Certificate (for spouse preference)
- School transcripts
- VA Disability Letter
- SF 15
- SF 50

8. Once you've filled out the basic profile information and uploaded your supporting documents, click on the RESUMES tab and then select BUILD A NEW RESUME **or** UPLOAD A NEW RESUME.

- You can create up to 5 resumes on your account. When creating a new resume ensure you enter all required information.
- Job descriptions/duties should be entered in paragraph form and should consist of complete sentences. (Try to stay away from using bullets). The best way to complete this is to type everything into word and copy and paste it into the appropriate section. Remember, if you type it directly into the box there is no spell check and you don't want to lose an opportunity because of a few misspelled words. You can use http://www.onetonline.org/ to assist you in finding job descriptions.

*NOTE: Federal resumes should be very descriptive. The more the better. Include as much information as possible describing your duties and accomplishments.

- Enter your education information.
- Enter references (do not use family members)
- Enter any job related training (include dates).
- Enter all other pertinent information (awards, recognitions, knowledge, skills, abilities, etc.)
- 9. Save and Continue and....

Congratulations. You have completed building your federal resume. You are now ready to begin searching for jobs!

How to Search for Jobs

1. Log onto <u>www.usajobs.gov</u>.

2. To search for jobs enter **Fort Irwin, CA** or other desired location. You can also enter the agency or job title in the KEYWORD field. (See below)

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3. Click on SEARCH JOBS.

4. Once you get the search results, make sure you click on the correct category. The category automatically defaults to "US Citizen." If you possess an eligibility (i.e. Spouses Preference, Veterans Preference, Current DoD Civilian, etc.) make sure you change it to "Federal Employees" to view all status and non-status vacancies.

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5. Click on the vacancy announcement of the position you would like to apply for.



6. Read the vacancy announcement and verify you have the required skills and qualifications. If you wish to apply click on APPLY ONLINE.

7. Select the resume you would like to apply with (NOTE: Do not submit more than one resume). Attach any required documents and check the required boxes. Click on APPLY FOR THIS JOB NOW.

8. You will be directed to complete a questionnaire. You will be asked information regarding your status/eligibility (see pages 9-10 to check what eligibilities you qualify for). The questionnaire will also consist of questions pertinent to the position you are applying for. These questions are developed by CPAC and the hiring authority for the vacancy announcement.

9. You have completed the application process. You may now log-in to the Application Manager to check on the status of your applications.

APPLICATION MANAGER

With Application Manager you can:

- Work on, submit, and track your application packages.
- Check the status of each application package (e.g., not submitted, complete, incomplete)
- Use the Application Package Checklist to keep track of an application's requirements.
- View and print your Assessment Questionnaire responses and any of the documents submitted with an application.
- Select and re-use documents submitted for previous applications in any new application
- Review any correspondence sent to you by hiring agencies.
- Review and update your personal information at any time.

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How to find the Position Description (PD)

- 1. Log onto <u>www.cpol.army.mil</u>.
- 2. Click on the "References and Tools" link.
- 3. Toggle over "Position Classification" and click on "FASCLASS".
- 4. On the top right hand corner, click on FASCLASS.
- 5. Click on "Search Position Data".

6. Input the Position Title, Pay Plan, Series, and Grade. All are found on the Vacancy Announcement.

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7. Click "Search". If multiple Position Descriptions come up, compare them to the vacancy announcement to find the appropriate one.

8. If you possess any of the skills or experience found in the PD, make sure to address it in your resume. This step is crucial in making sure that your skill sets match up to the skill sets that the supervisor is looking for. You must use their language in order to have your skills match.

Tips for a Winning Resume

1. Include current contact information. They cannot make you a job offer if they can't get in touch with you. If your information changes, update your profile.

2. To avoid loss of consideration for a job, know the status of your resume within the **system.** You can build up to 5 resumes, so make sure you apply with the correct one. Review the new resume carefully before it is submitted.

3. Save frequently while inputting. Some applicants get timed out by their internet service providers before they finish their resumes and the info is not saved. Save it on a word document for easy retrieval.

5. Best qualified candidates are identified based on key skills identified by the manager. Is it possible to be basically qualified for a position and not possess any of the key skills required to be the best qualified. Basic qualifications are reviewed only after identification of the applicants matching the key skills for the specific position being filled. To maximize your chances, don't include your life history or experience that has no relevance to the positions to which you are applying. Avoid crowding your resume with unnecessary details or descriptions of skills or training, which are not directly related to the positions for which you desire consideration. The best experience sections are those that are focused, concise, use specific rather than vague terms, and include only significant skills, knowledge, and abilities from your background.

6. When describing your Experience...

- Start with your most recent experience
- Emphasize experience that is most relevant to the type of position for which you are applying
- Pay attention to the description of duties in the vacancy announcement.
- Spell out acronyms
- Ask yourself... "Have I omitted any unique, but relevant special experience or skills I possess that might distinguish me from other candidates if my resume reaches the desk of a selecting official?" "Have I adequately described the major characteristics of my occupation or background and skills that are most common to my occupation?"

7. Include all Volunteer Experience & Awards

• Volunteer experience, especially when it relates to the job you're applying to, is crucial.

Many managers create a matrix for candidates and tally up the number of awards for each applicant. If you're tied with another candidate for skills and it comes down to the number of awards, you want to be sure you've included EVERYTHING.

NEVER COPY AND PASTE A JOB DESCRIPTION!!

Determining Eligibility Status

Status	Eligibility
Civilian Army Eligible	A permanent Department of the Army civilian.
30 percent Disabled	You must have prior military service with a disability rating of
Veteran	30% or more. Applicants must have a Notice of Rating from the
	Office of Personnel Management dated within the last six months.
	You may also contact your local Office of Personnel Management for
	information on when and where tests are administered. If selected,
	you will be required to submit a DA Form 214, Certificate of
	Discharge. When claiming 10-point Veteran's Preference and
	supporting documents (i.e. Veterans Administration letter dated
	within the last 12 months) as outlined on the reverse side of the SF
VRA eligible	Public Law 107-288 effected substantive changes to the Veterans
	Readjustment Act. Under the new law the following veterans are
	eligible for a non-competitive vRA appointment: Disabled
	Padge Armod Forese Funditionery Model (AFEM) or recently
	separated veterans. Becently separated veterans are defined as
	those who have senarated from active service within the last
	three years. There are no time restrictions on appointment of the
	first two categories of veterans. There are no length of service
	requirements for all three categories of veterans. Veterans who are
	serving under the old Veterans Readiustment Appointment who do
	not meet new eligibility requirements for new VRA appointment may
	still be converted to career-conditional appointments upon
	completion of the current appointment. The maximum grade level at
	which appointments may be made is GS-11. Veterans must meet all
	qualification requirements. Veterans with less than fifteen years of
	education must receive training or education.
VEOA eligible	Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated
	from the armed forces under honorable conditions after
	substantially completing an initial three years active service may
	apply. If selected, applicant will be required to submit a DD214,
	Certificate of Discharge.
EO 12721 eligible	Worked as an Appropriated Fund Federal employee overseas while a
	family member of a Uniformed Service Member, civilian employee, or
	Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) employee serving overseas. In the
	overseas assignment, employee must have accumulated 52 weeks of
	creating and must have noturned to the US from the eventeer performance
	duty and mot time requirements
Transfer eligible	Currently a normanent career or career conditional non-Department
	of Army federal civilian employee
Reinstatement eligible	Former Federal employees who attained Career status on a
	permanent, competitive Federal annointment . If the person was a
	career conditional, reinstatement eligibility generally applies three
	vears after separation unless exception in 5 CFR 315.201 (b)(3)
	apply.

ICTAP eligible	Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan (ICTAP) eligible
	Current or former employees displaced from non-DOD agencies
	Individuals seeking ICTAP eligibility will be required to submit a conv
	af their Deduction of Force (DIF) convertion metion (Natification
	of their Reduction of Force (RIF) separation notice (Notification
	Letter of SF 50) and a copy of their most recent performance rating.
	ICTAP eligible must be rated well qualified for the position to receive
	consideration. A well-qualified employee is defined as meeting all of
	the minimum qualification standards and eligibility requirements as
	well as possessing skills that clearly exceed the minimum
	qualification requirements for the position.
Persons with	Have a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major
Disabilities eligible	life activities and has been certified by the State Department of
Disabilities engible	Vocational Services.
DCIPS/CIPMS	Currently serving on a CIPMS appointment without time limitation or
Interchange eligible	has been involuntarily separated from such appointment without
	nersonal cause within the preceding year. Must be or have been
	serving continuously for at least one year in a CIDMS position. May
	he appointed only to permanent positions based on this authority
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NAF Interchange	Currently serving on a NAFI position without time limitation or nave
eligible	involuntarily separated from such appointment without personal
	cause within the preceding year. Must be or have been serving
	continuously for at least one year in a NAFI position. May be
	appointed only to permanent positions based on this authority.
Outstanding Scholar	Resumes submitted under the Outstanding Scholar Program will be
eligible	considered for this position. The Outstanding Scholar Program is
	used as one of several methods for recruiting some entry-level
	positions throughout the Army. This special hiring authority is
	restricted to grade levels GS-5 and GS-7 or equivalent. To be
	eligible you must be a college graduate and have maintained a grade
	noint average (CDA) of 2.45 or better on a 4.0 scale for all
	undergraduate gourse work, or have graduated in the upper 10
	undergraduate course work, or have graduated in the upper 10
	percent of your graduating class or major university subdivision. For
	this program, the GPA is rounded to one decimal place. For example,
	a GPA of 3.45 rounds up to the required 3.5 while a 3.44 rounds down
	to a 3.4 GPA. A college degree in any major is qualifying for most of
	the career fields covered by the Outstanding Scholar Program.
	However, some positions may require specific courses in subjects
	related to the job as indicated in the job announcement. Applicants
	who wish to apply for the Outstanding Scholar Program may apply
	nine months before completing all the requirements of the Program.
	including GPA or class standing. However, the applicants must
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	for this position. You may be required to submit a copy of your
	college transcripts containing sufficient information on compute GPA
	and/or a letter from the Registrar's office as proof of your 10% class
	standing.
Non Status Eligible,	All applicants without personal competitive status, employees on
including overseas	temporary or term positions, employees on excepted service
	positions who do not meet eligibility requirements for an interchange

limited and temporary	agreement, and applicants who have not worked for the Federal
employee	Government.
DCIPS employee	A current DCIPS civilian employee serving on a permanent
applying for DCIPS	appointment and applying for a DCIPS position.
Student Employment	A US student enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree seeking student, taking at least a half time academic or vocational/technical course load in an accredited high, technical, vocational school, or a 2
	or 4 year college or university, graduate/professional school, and
	either a US citizen or permanent resident of the United Stated or etherwise authorized to be employed
Contractor Francisco e est	UC sitis en intereste d in summer such such as then then
Summer Employment	temporary employment described in non-status above.
Military Spouse	The spouse of an active duty military member (sponsor) of the US
preference eligible	Armed Forces who accompanies their military sponsor on a
(overseas only)	permanent change of station (PCS) move. To receive preference, the
	spouse must be married to the military sponsor before reporting to
	the new duty assignment. MSP applies when the spouse arrives in
	the overseas area and to a position in the commuting area of the
	military sponsor's permanent duty station. MSP applies if you are
	ranked among the "best qualified" for the vacancy for which you are
	applying. MSP is retained until the military spouse accepts or
	declines the offer of a permanent appointment to a full-time or part-
	time position. Military spouses will not lose MSP eligibility when
	accepting a temporary or term position or a permanent position with
	a flex or intermittent on call work schedule (non-continuing
	position). NOTE: MSP applies to initial employment at the overseas
	location. Once the spouse accepts or declines a continuing position,
	eligibility terminates whether or not the position was obtained
	through MSP. MSP is lost when the spouse accepts or declines an
	offer of a continuing position or declines a job interview for a
	continuing position. A continuing position is a permanent full-time
	or part-time position. This includes positions with non-appropriated
	funds (NAF) organizations or AAFES. MSP can be used only once
	during a sponsor's tour. Once used, the spouses competes as a family
	member without preference.
Family member	The spouse or unmarried children (including stepchildren, adopted
preference eligible	children, and foster children) not more than 23 years of age residing
(overseas)	with a member (sponsor) of the US Armed Forces or a US citizen
	civilian employee (sponsor) of a US Government Agency (including
	NAF activities) whose duty station is in a foreign area. This category
	does not apply to family members of contractors. FMP applies when
	the Family Member (FM) arrives in the overseas area of the sponsor's
	duty station. FMP also applies when an active duty member of a dual
	military couple exits the service overseas and applies for civilian
	employment as a family member. NOT FMP applies to initial
	employment at the overseas location. Once the FM accepts or
	declines a continuing position, eligibility terminates whether or not
	the position was obtained through FMP. A continuing position for
	FMP purposes is a position expected to last one year or longer
	regardless of work schedule. This includes positions with NAF

	organizations or AAFES. FMP can be used only once during the sponsor's tour. Once used, the FM competes as a family member without preference (FMNP). FMP does not apply to contractors. FMP is lost when the FM accepts or declines an offer of a continuing position to include a temporary position that is expected to last one year or more, or that is extended to last one year or more, or declines a job interview.
Family member no preference eligible (overseas)	Family members of locally hired DoD or NAF civilian employees, or a family member or spouse preference eligible who has lost military spouse or family member preference due to accepting or declining an offer of continuing employment. A continuing position for FMNP purposes is a position expected to last one year or longer regardless of work schedule. This includes positions with NAF organizations or AAFES.
Reemployment Annuitant	A former Federal employee who has retired under either the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).
Other Interchange Agreement	A person currently employed in another US Federal Service position covered by an existing interchange agreement with the Officer of Personnel Management, such as TVA.
EO 13473 eligible	A spouse who is married to a service member that receives Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders that authorize the spouse to accompany him or her to the new duty station is eligible for this appointing authority, provided the spouse moves with the service member to the new duty location. A spouse of a service member that is released or discharged with a 100% service-connected disability is eligible for this authority. A spouse of a service member that is killed while on active duty is eligible for this authority.