

UK CV template for career changers

A worked skeleton following UK conventions — two pages, no photo, evidence in the top third. The example is a composite career changer moving from IT support toward a SOC role. Replace the text, keep the structure. The one structural move that matters most: the security evidence section sits ABOVE employment history, because for a career changer it is the strongest thing on the page.

HEADER

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No photo, no date of birth, no marital status, no full postal address. Town and county is enough.

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

IT support engineer with four years managing Windows Server, Active Directory and Microsoft 365 across a 400-user estate, now building toward a SOC analyst role.

Three lines maximum. Say what you are now, what you are moving toward, and the single strongest piece of evidence for it.

SECURITY EVIDENCE

Certifications, labs, CTFs, volunteer work, home lab write-ups — with specifics and dates.

This sits above employment history. For a career changer it is the strongest thing on the page, so it goes where a recruiter's eye lands first.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Role, organisation, dates, then three or four bullets of what you did — with numbers wherever numbers exist.

Frame existing work in security-adjacent terms where it is honest to do so: access management, patching, incident handling, joiner-mover-leaver processes.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Qualifications, most recent first.

Keep it short unless you are a recent graduate.

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