

**I currently work in the Construction Sector and I am considering relocating to England to find work there. It is nothing to do with the downturn in Ireland but more wanting a change of scenery. Is CV format and layout the same for the UK jobs market?**

I have worked in both the UK and the Irish markets and from my experience I have found little difference between Irish CV's and UK CV's in format or layout.

A typical CV for both markets will be two pages in length and contain the following information; personal details, work experience, education & training and hobbies. There are variations to this such as value statements but the outlined headers are the key information a potential employer will want to read.

I should point out that 90% of CV's fail because they lack focus. It is important that you tailor your CV to focus on particular roles that you apply for. All of the important information must be contained in the first page of the document and job specifications will often highlight what is important to the employer.

Your CV is an important document but another consideration when relocating to a different country for work is to get across your commitment to relocation. Your cover letter will provide you with the opportunity to portray a clear and strong message.