



WHERE ARE YOU GETTING STUCK IN YOUR JOB SEARCH?

Have you been job searching for a while and not having any success? This form will help you figure out why you are getting stuck so you can fix the problem.

Rather than continuing to use the same strategies that haven't been working for you, it's wise to take a moment to step back, analyse your job search efforts to date, and determine what aspect of the job search process is causing problems for you.

If you forge ahead, using the same old strategies that have been unsuccessful, unless you get a real stroke of luck, those strategies will continue to be unsuccessful. Similarly, if you make changes to your job search without first determining which part of your job search needs some improvement, you may be fixing something that's already working and ignoring the real factor that's holding you back from success.

Before you do anything else, use this simple form to analyse your job search efforts to date so you'll know exactly where you're getting stuck in the process and why people get stuck at specific stages.

How to Use This Form

There are three stages in which people get stuck when they are job searching:

- Finding jobs to apply to and submitting resumes
- Getting invited to job interviews
- Landing a job after being invited to an interview

Each stage is highlighted in light grey in one of three rows on the form. Under each highlighted row of job search stages, in the column on the left, is a list of common problems associated with each particular stage.

Look at each stage in the highlighted rows, and determine which one best fits your job searching situation. Once you know which stage best reflects your situation, look at the left column (common problems) under the appropriate stage, and carefully consider each common problem. Ask yourself which one (or more) of the common problems could be hurting your job search.

You can use the blank spaces in the form to make notes about each common problem and how it relates to your job search to help you think through the process more easily.

Where to Get More Job Search Help

If you want more detailed information about determining where you are getting stuck in your job search and what to do about it, my book, *Job Search Mistakes Exposed*, can help. You can get it here:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00EUSMNSK>



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Stages of the job search where you can get stuck:

Stage of the job search where you can get stuck	You haven't applied to many jobs because you haven't found many appropriate jobs to pursue.
Common Problems:	
Don't know how to find good job leads	
Not spending enough time pursuing unadvertised jobs	
Don't have the skills employers require	
Stage of the job search where you can get stuck	You have applied to jobs, but you don't get invited to interviews.
Common Problems:	
Not pursuing <i>quality</i> job leads	
Weak resumes	
Weak cover letters	
Don't have the skills employers require	
Negative impact of your online / social media presence	
Stage of the job search where you can get stuck	You are invited to interviews, but you are never offered the job.
Common Problems:	
Poor interview technique	
Bad references	
Negative impact of your online / social media presence	