
Actors CV

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What is an actor's CV?

- Curriculum Vitae
- An acting CV is a summary of your attributes, skills, credits, and training. It should clearly contain all of the key information, giving busy CDs or agents a quick idea of who this actor is, what their talents are, and why they need to invite them to audition ASAP.

Do I need an actor's CV?

- **Absolutely!** A well-crafted CV helps you make a positive impression and stand out from the competition.
- **Showcase Experience:** A CV allows you to list your acting credits, including film, television, and theatre work.
- **Highlight Training:** It provides a place to detail your acting education, workshops, and any relevant training.
- **Professional Presentation:** A professional-looking CV is essential for a positive first impression.
- **Easy Comparison:** A standardised CV format helps casting directors quickly compare different actors' qualifications.

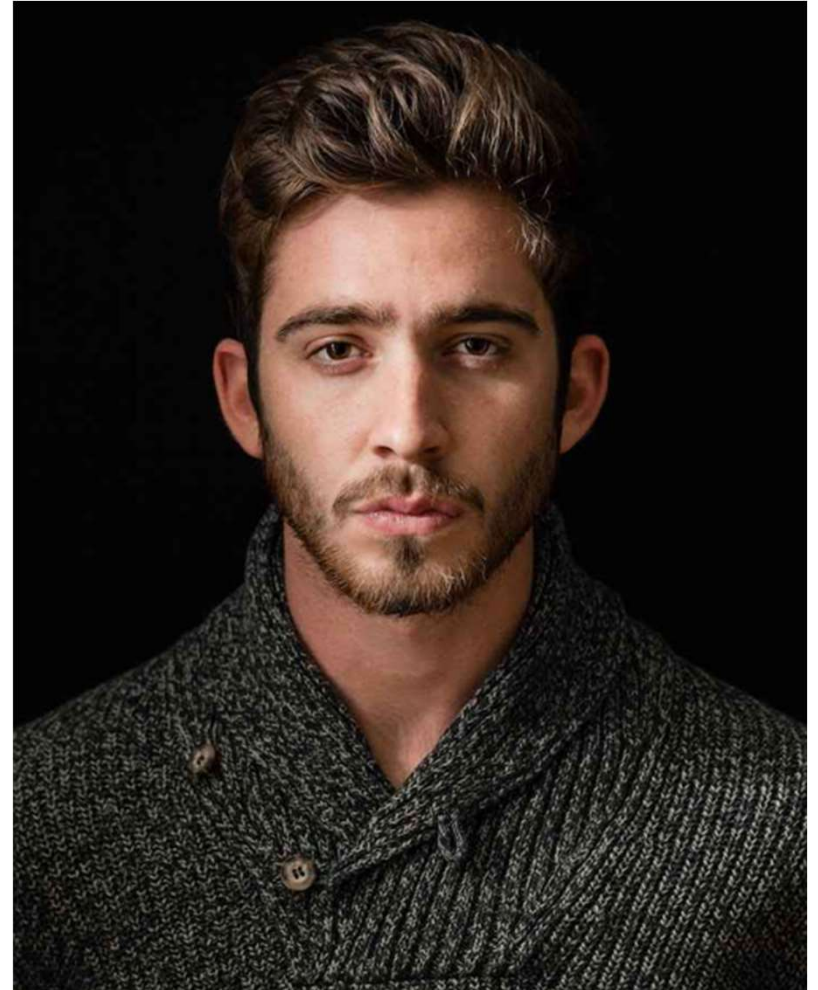
What should be included?

Headshot

- You should include a photo of yourself so people can see what you look like to determine whether you have the right look for a role. Headshots should be high-quality and done by a professional photographer.
- They should also accurately represent you and be up-to-date.

Contact details

- Your name should appear in bold at the top of the page, written in a larger font size than anything else on the page. Put your key info—name, phone, email, and agency—right at the top of your CV next your headshot. (+Spotlight)



Stats

- This usually includes your playing age, height and, sometimes, your location.

Training

- Make sure to include all the relevant training you have.
 - This should be anything related to performing including dance or stage combat.
 - Include where you have studied and at what level. *You may be viewed negatively if you don't have a sufficient amount of training.*

Playing age: 18-25

Height: 5'8"

Hair: Brown

Eye: Green

Gender: Male

Build: Medium

Nationality: British

MA Musical Theatre – Royal Academy of music – Graduated 2025

BA (Hons) Musical Theatre – Wales Academy Of Voice and Dramatic Arts – Graduated 2024

What should be included?

Acting credits

- This section is where you'll list your past work by category, under headings like "TV," "Theatre," "Film," "Voiceover," and "Commercials." All credits should be written in this order: production, role, the venue or company, and director.
- Most recent first.
- For example, Ncuti Gatwa, who plays The Doctor on *Doctor Who*, would list that credit as:

Production	Role	Venue/Company	Director
Doctor Who	The doctor	BBC	Alex Pillai

What Skills Should Be Included in Your Acting CV?

- Accents, dialects, additional languages you speak or if you're able to play a musical instrument are all things to consider adding to your CV.
- Singing voice type,
- Styles of dance you can perform
- Driver's licence.

Prioritise quality over quantity and only include the ones you do well. If you rode a horse once or did a few ballet classes as a child, it has no place on your CV.

Skills

Accents: Standard English (Native) | RP | Northern | Scouse | Scottish | Northern Irish

Singing: Tenor

Dance: Street Dance | Period Dance | Tap

Languages: Spanish | French

Stage Combat: ACTT Unarmed (Distinction)

Other: Driving | Cycling | Skateboarding | Swimming

According to Spotlight.com these are the 10 In-Demand Special Skills for Actors to Have on Their CV:

- 1. A Range of Accents and Dialects**
- 2. Stage Combat/Fencing**
- 3. Horse Riding**
- 4. Dance Experience**
- 5. Movement**
- 6. Improvisation**
- 7. Comedy**
- 8. Singing**
- 9. Foreign Languages**
- 10. Musical Instruments**

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What not to include?

- **Age:** You don't need to include your age or birth date. Instead put your playing range with a ten year range e.g. 20-30. These should be ages that you could realistically play.
- **Details that are too personal** (Home address, NI number etc.)
- **Extra Work**
- **Lies**

Format

- Make sure everything fits on 1 page of A4
- You'll need to edit your CV regularly to perfect it and add new acting credits when you get them.
- **Digital and Print Use:** Casting directors may use your CV in digital or print formats, so ensure it's easy to read and navigate.

How often should I update?

You should take a look at your CV each time you send it to ensure it's the most up-to-date version and see if there are ways that you could make it more appropriate for a role.

- Keep your **headshot up-to-date** and if you have multiple shots that work well, it's a good idea to change the thumbnail on your CV every so often.
- It's a good idea to keep a **master copy** of your CV with the details of **every job**, so you don't forget information and it's easy to copy and paste credits into your current one. And as well as adding recent work, make sure to list upcoming appearances or broadcasts.

Useful websites

- [How Your Specialised Skills Can Make You Stand Out as an Actor | Spotlight](#)
- [How to Create an Acting CV in the UK](#)