

Top traits of successful jobseekers

Commitment

Commitment has an exceptionally powerful effect. If it's there, it creates trust and earns respect. When it's missing, it's almost impossible to replicate or attain belief from any employer.

Trustworthiness

This is a difficult one as being trustworthy can only be demonstrated in actual practice but make sure your C.V and online profiles including social media accounts match. Remember nothing is a secret on the internet anymore!

Remain professional at all times

Employers look for applicants who demonstrate a high sense of professionalism both in their actions and on paper.

Willingness to enlist others

Job hunting can be a long, lonely process. Ask friends to help you practice interviews, and make sure everyone knows you're looking for work. Say who you want to meet, or which companies you're trying to get contacts in.

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A great attitude

Job searches are not easy. Rejection, or not hearing back at all, will wear you down and drive shadows of doubt into your head. It will be very easy to believe there is something wrong with you as a candidate that could cause you put off your job search—but that is not the case.

Sometimes it is simply a numbers game, especially in the era of online applications for jobs. Simply, hiring managers do not have enough time to get through all of the applications they receive for an opening—so in some instances your CV may not even be getting viewed. As frustrating as that is, it is not your fault as a job seeker.

So what does having a good attitude have to do with all of this? It is simple, your attitude helps drive your continued search process. If you followed the planning stage above, you know you have set yourself up for success when it is all said and done, so do not let a temporary setback become permanent failure. You need to keep your head up and continue down the path you created.

Also, having a bad attitude shows to recruiters, hiring managers and higher ups at companies you are interviewing with. Whether it is over the phone or in person, you can hear things in someone's voice that shows they are doubting the process. If there is an attitude problem before the job, there will likely be an attitude problem during the job—and most companies do not want to infect their culture with a bad attitude.

The Ability to adapt. Staffing professionals seek job applicants who can change with the business environment. While many people love familiarity and patterns, the best understand that if you want to stay in the game (let alone win), change is a necessary aspect of business.