

I've applied for so many jobs and am not hearing back from anyone. What am I doing wrong?

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It's important to remember that there's a lot of competition for legitimate home-based work, so it may take awhile to land the job or project you want. Also, many employers have done away with the "formalities" of acknowledging receipt of an application, and no longer notify all applicants when a position has been filled.

You can improve your chances by making sure you have a standout resume – one that focuses on what you can do for the company.

You should also highlight your ability to work independently, your familiarity with virtual communications tools (e.g., instant messenger, Skype, [GoToMyPC](#), or others), and, where appropriate, your home-based work experience.

If you don't have a blog, consider starting one, to show your understanding of online communications, and to demonstrate your expertise in your specialty or niche. We recommend [Helium](#) as an excellent place to begin. (It's free, as well.)

Also, be sure to follow instructions exactly. If the job lead requests a resume in the body of an email, DO NOT attach your resume – paste your resume in text format into an email (more on that below), and send it directly to the party or email address specified in the lead.

If the job lead specifies a written reply (online application form, resume, etc.), DO NOT phone the company to express an interest or request additional information. Human Resources personnel list this among their chief complaints, and smaller hirers may resent the interruption even more.

Failure to follow directions at the time of application is also often viewed as an inability or unwillingness to follow directions in general – not a trait most employers are seeking.