

Taking a Professional Photo

Taking a photo for your Lebenslauf can be tricky. American resumes don't include a photo so the task can seem strange for applicants in Germany. When you take your picture, make sure the background is a monochromatic, light color, like a white wall. You should wear professional clothing and look straight at the camera. The picture should be cropped from the shoulders up. No pictures from parties!

Good Examples



Common Mistakes



unprofessional posing



blurry, poor lighting



casual clothing, cluttered background