

How to Get Your Dream Job

Restored Almagreta action plan and worksheet

This replacement package is based on the archived 2014 Almagreta ebook landing page. It is not the original 420-page PDF; it is a rebuilt workbook for planning a focused job search from target definition through application follow-up.

1. Define the target

Write the role family, industries, working environment, compensation needs, autonomy level, mission fit, and growth path you are actually trying to reach.

Workbook prompts

- Target title family: _____
 - Non-negotiables: _____
 - Nice-to-have conditions: _____
 - What would make this work satisfying: _____
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2. Choose the reward profile

The archived page asked whether the dream role is about money, mission, substantial final products, lasting relationships, or another kind of work reward. Rank those honestly before applying.

Workbook prompts

- Money: _____
 - Mission: _____
 - Craft or product quality: _____
 - Relationships: _____
 - Learning: _____
 - Autonomy: _____
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3. Build the search list

Track target companies, adjacent titles, hiring managers, warm contacts, application status, follow-up dates, and notes from each conversation.

Workbook prompts

- Company: _____
- Role: _____
- Why it fits: _____

• Decision maker: _____

• Warm path: _____

• Next action: _____

4. Read openings as research

Use job openings to identify repeated requirements, language, tools, credentials, and missing proof. Do this even for postings you do not apply to.

Workbook prompts

- Repeated keywords: _____
 - Required proof: _____
 - Preferred proof: _____
 - Resume gap: _____
 - Portfolio gap: _____
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5. Close evidence gaps

List the skills, examples, credentials, or portfolio pieces that would make the target role easier to believe, then choose the smallest credible proof you can create quickly.

Workbook prompts

- Gap: _____
 - Proof project: _____
 - Owner or reviewer: _____
 - Deadline: _____
 - Where it appears in resume: _____
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6. Rewrite the resume

Make the first half-page support the target role with scope, outcomes, tools, credentials, and the strongest evidence from recent work.

Workbook prompts

- Target headline: _____
 - Summary evidence: _____
 - Top three bullets: _____
 - Keywords to include: _____
 - Keywords to avoid: _____
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7. Prepare interview stories

Draft concise stories for results, conflict, failure, leadership, collaboration, judgment, and role-specific problem solving before the invitation arrives.

Workbook prompts

- Situation: _____

• Action: _____

• Decision tradeoff: _____

• Result: _____

• What you learned: _____

8. Ask for specific help

Request role context, resume feedback, referral advice, interview practice, or introductions instead of asking contacts for generic help finding a job.

Workbook prompts

- Person: _____
 - Specific ask: _____
 - Why them: _____
 - Deadline: _____
 - Follow-up note: _____
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9. Plan the weekly cadence

A serious search needs visible momentum. Set a weekly mix of applications, outreach, resume improvements, interview preparation, and learning work.

Workbook prompts

- Applications: _____
 - Outreach: _____
 - Follow-ups: _____
 - Practice: _____
 - Portfolio or skill work: _____
 - Review day: _____
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10. Review tradeoffs

Name the skills, time, compensation, location, portfolio work, or stepping-stone roles the search may require.

Workbook prompts

- Possible sacrifice: _____
 - Why it may be worth it: _____
 - Limit: _____
 - Decision date: _____
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11. Application readiness check

Before sending, verify that the resume, cover letter, file names, LinkedIn/profile links, references, and follow-up plan all support the same target.

Workbook prompts

- Resume target: _____

• Cover letter angle: _____

• File naming: _____

• Profile consistency: _____

• Follow-up date: _____

12. Post-application review

Track what happened after each application so the search improves. Look for silence patterns, interview conversion, weak answers, and stronger referral paths.

Workbook prompts

- Result: _____
 - Likely reason: _____
 - What to change: _____
 - Next experiment: _____
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