

*Brea's Guide to...*

# **Getting Hired in the Competitive Actuarial Job Market**

How to stand out from the  
competition and get your first job!

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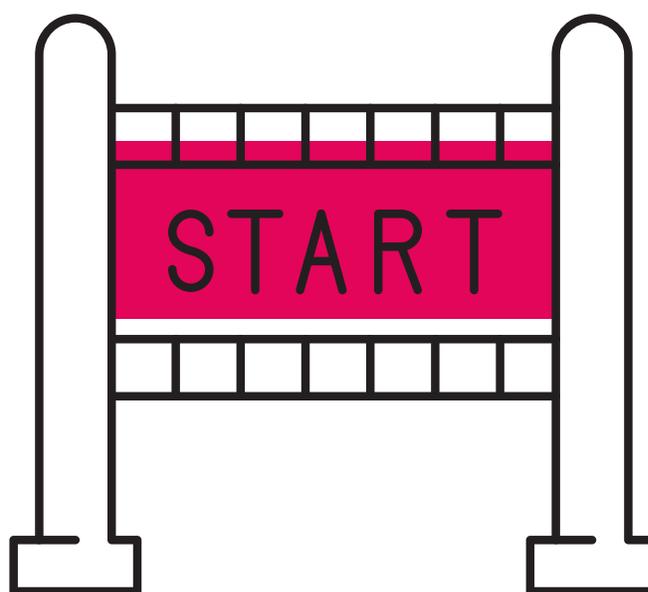
## Introduction

Happy actuary day!! I'm so glad you picked up this free workbook, because it's going to help you get your first entry-level actuarial job **WITHOUT** the stress.

As a future actuary, you might be feeling a bit intimidated about all the skills you need to get. You might even wonder how you can compete with all the qualified candidates who want actuarial jobs, especially during the biggest hiring season of the year!

If that's you, you can finally relax. Because this guide will help you figure out what you need to do differently to basically **GUARANTEE** you get hired, even in the competitive actuarial market!

Let's get started!





## How much competition is there for entry-level jobs?

The short answer is *it depends*. That's because the amount of entry-level jobs available depends a lot on where you live and how many other future actuaries you're competing with. If you're living somewhere that doesn't have a lot of actuarial jobs, there might be more competition for those jobs. But if you live in a big city with lots of actuarial jobs, you might not feel like it's as competitive.

However, more competition doesn't mean more **serious** competition.

What do I mean by that? Well...

Just because more people are applying doesn't mean they're ALL a good fit for the job.

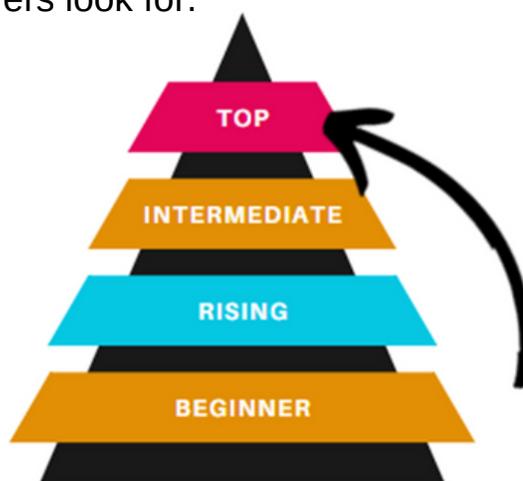
To explain what I mean, let's look at which qualifications actuarial employers are really looking for.



## The Five Key Qualifications

From analyzing 100 entry level job posts, I learned there are **five key qualifications** that actuarial employers look for. They are:

- A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (like Math, Finance, or Statistics)
- Actuarial exams passed
- Relevant experience
- Communication skills
- Technical skills (Excel and a programming language)



Having all 5 of these things makes you a **top candidate**. That means you have the skills and qualifications that most actuarial employers are looking for.

- You become a top candidate by passing through every stage, from Beginner to Top, in order.
- Before you know it, you'll be qualified for actuarial jobs!

So, let's get into why this strategy works... EVEN with a lot of competition!



## More applicants = more competition?

Now that you know which qualifications you need, let's get into what you've been worrying about: *competition for actuarial jobs*.

Let's say this job you applied to has 100 applicants. That seems like a lot of competition, right?

Well, of all those applicants, a portion of them (let's assume 20) won't have any exams passed or they won't have any related experience. They may not even have their Bachelor's degree yet. There's a good chance that they're applying to every job they can find using the exact same copy-pasted resume. (Don't do this!!)

Okay, so that leaves us with 80 more applicants. But not all of these people will be top candidates, either!

These people might have some combination of the requirements that employers want.. **but not all of them.**



## More applicants = more competition?

Most of them, let's say around 60 applicants, will have a couple of the key qualifications. They might have their Bachelor's degree and a couple exams passed, but no relevant experience. Or, maybe they have relevant experience, but no exams passed and they aren't finished school yet.

A few of these candidates might make it through to interviews... but most of them probably won't.

**Employers will be most interested in talking to candidates that have all the qualifications they want to see.**

Those are the people they'll definitely be interviewing!

Even from here, some candidates might instantly fall short. They might arrive late to the interview, show up unprepared, or not dress appropriately.

So, my question for you is...



## More applicants = more competition?

*Are all those candidates really "competition"?*

**I would say NO!**

After all, they don't have the same qualifications as you will. And they don't have the interview skills to get through to the next round.

**So they aren't really your competition... because you're already way ahead of them.**

That's why more applicants doesn't necessarily mean more competition!

**Because if you have all the qualifications employers want, there won't be many other candidates that can compete, no matter how many people apply.**

Your competition will be the select few people who are ALSO top candidates. At that point, it's only a matter of time before you're a company's first choice!





## More applicants = more competition?

So, most future actuaries are intimidated by all these 100 other applicants. They see their job application like this:

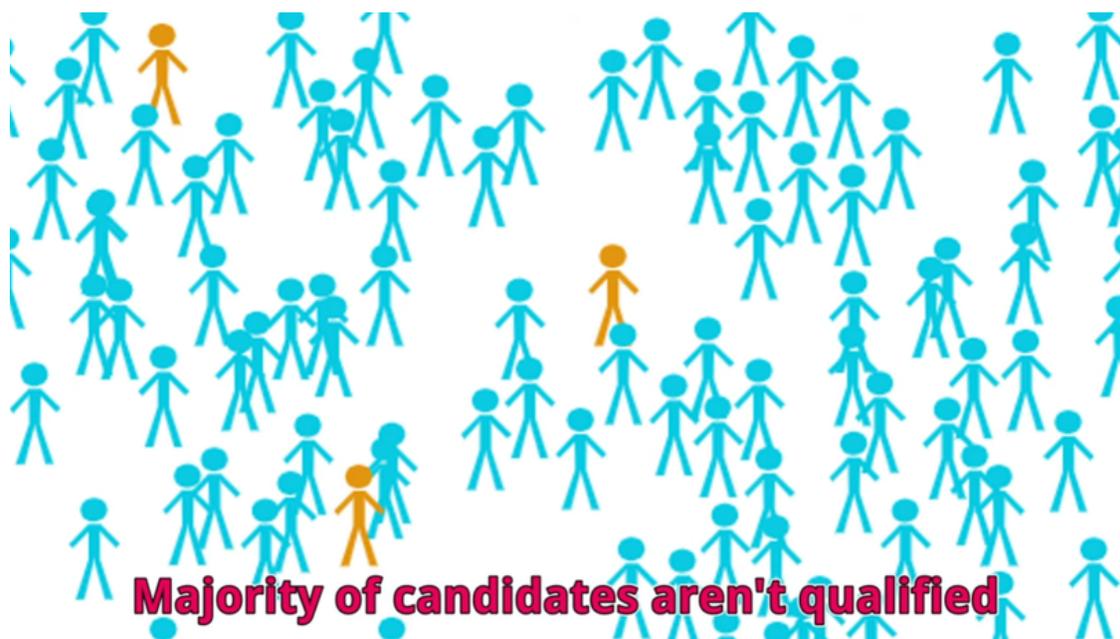


In their mind, it seems that there are so many other applicants that they don't really have a chance... but that just isn't the case when you become a top candidate!



## More applicants = more competition?

Most of the other applicants aren't really qualified for the job. They don't have all the skills that employers want to see.. and they're unlikely to get an interview.



There are only a few qualified candidates. If you're one of them, you're going to stand out!



## More applicants = more competition?

When you're a top candidate, all those other applicants don't really matter. Because you're only competing with **other top candidates**. And there are way fewer of those!



**Top candidates are who  
actuarial employers want to hire**



That means you're highly likely to get an interview, and you're definitely going to get hired. It's just a matter of time!



## The secret strategy to stand out

**Looking for more ways to stand out from the competition?**

Well, there's ONE thing that most future actuaries forget about:

**Their resume!!!**

When I meet a future actuary who has all the right qualifications but isn't getting hired, the first thing I ask about is their resume.

***Because having all the right qualifications ONLY works...***

***If you can show employers WHY they're relevant.***

You need a resume that speaks for itself and proves to employers that you are THE BEST CANDIDATE for the job, before they even meet you.

When you have a resume like that, employers will notice you!

You'll get MORE interviews and get hired so much quicker.

So, if you haven't worked on your actuarial resume, you absolutely need to do that! Even if you don't have the experience yet, your future self will thank you.

**But exactly HOW do you create a stand-out actuarial resume??**



## Expert resume advice and feedback!

You need to cater your resume specifically for the actuarial career and the skills employers care about. THAT'S what makes a stand-out actuarial resume.

Because there are a lot of aspects of actuarial resumes that make them unique, including exams passed and technical qualifications.

You need to have every important skill listed, showcase your experience, and prove to employers that you're the best candidate.

And luckily, I'll be explaining exactly how to do all of that at the upcoming **Actuary Resume Transformation Bootcamp**.

The first 10 registrants will get a VIP spot, which includes everything in the bootcamp PLUS a personalized resume review from me!

[Click here to learn more and sign up for the Bootcamp!](#)

**Sign up now!!**

*Thanks for reading till the end! I hope this workbook helps you have a successful, confident job search. I'm rooting for you!!*

**--Brea**

