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LinkedIn Recruiter

The Insider's Guide

Candidate search and outreach across LinkedIn's member network

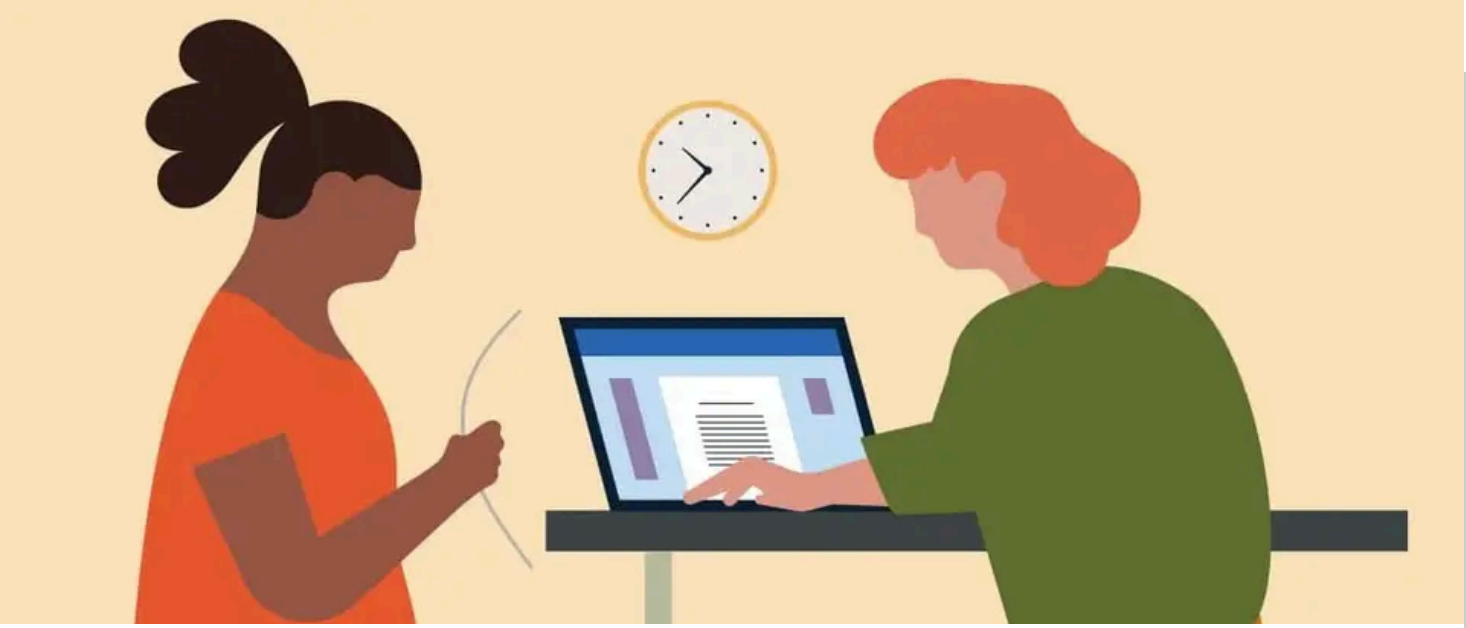


Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among hiring and applicant tracking tools, read from LinkedIn Recruiter's own pages.

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Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

ToolGPA put this guide together from LinkedIn Recruiter's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on LinkedIn Recruiter's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 30 of the 101 other hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade

LinkedIn Recruiter is the paid recruiting product for searching LinkedIn members, messaging them and tracking them in shared projects. LinkedIn now sells it with Hiring Assistant, an AI add-on that searches, reviews profiles and builds a shortlist from a hiring brief. It is aimed at people who recruit regularly, and pricing is quoted by LinkedIn's sales team.

To get you started, here are **7 things to know about LinkedIn Recruiter**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

> **It publishes no prices and only reaches people who are on LinkedIn, and the Hiring Assistant is a separate add-on.**
>
> From our report card of LinkedIn Recruiter

1 **Best for searching LinkedIn members for candidates**

LinkedIn Recruiter searches LinkedIn members and messages them with InMail, with pipeline and ATS integrations.

2 **It runs on Web**

Web.

3 Candidate search

Manual search with more than 40 advanced filters, keywords and Boolean strings, across a network LinkedIn describes as over a billion professionals.

4 Hiring Assistant

An AI add-on that takes a hiring brief, searches and reviews profiles and returns a summarized shortlist, learning from the recruiter's feedback.

5 InMail messaging

Built-in messaging with AI-assisted drafting and touch-ups. The page cites up to 150 InMails per month per seat.

6 A 1.8 GPA, above 30 of 101

That is against the other hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

7 Keep it

To replace LinkedIn Recruiter you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

LinkedIn Recruiter at a glance

PRICING Paid	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY LinkedIn Corporation	CATEGORY Hiring & Applicant Tracking
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for searching LinkedIn members for candidates

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LinkedIn Recruiter

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	No price is published; the page offers only Contact sales.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan or trial is listed, so nothing can be tried without paying.
Features	C	Candidate search, InMail, projects, ATS and CRM integrations and reports. Candidates are limited to LinkedIn members, and Hiring Assistant is an add-on.
Ease of use	C	No rating on record. Projects, pipelines and ATS links take setup.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web service with ATS and CRM integrations.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who LinkedIn Recruiter is for

- ✓ Fits if you hire regularly and your candidates are on LinkedIn
- ✓ Works for teams that already run an ATS they want connected

Who it is not for

- ✗ Skip it if you want a price before talking to sales, since none is published
- ✗ Skip it if you hire only occasionally, as LinkedIn points those buyers to Hiring Pro
- ✗ Not for you if you want a free trial, as none is listed
- ✗ Watch out: people not on LinkedIn cannot be found
- ✗ Watch out: Hiring Assistant is an add-on

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ In-house recruiters and agencies who source passive candidates on LinkedIn
- ✓ Teams that want AI-built shortlists from a written hiring brief
- ✓ Companies that need Recruiter to sync with an existing ATS

Worth knowing

- ⓘ The page publishes no prices; the only call to action is Contact sales.
- ⓘ Hiring Assistant is described as an add-on, not part of the base product.
- ⓘ Candidates come from LinkedIn members, so people not on LinkedIn are out of reach.
- ⓘ LinkedIn Hiring Pro is the separate product for people who hire only occasionally.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

LinkedIn Recruiter's current pricing could not be confirmed from its own site.

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From our grade for value for money

We could not confirm LinkedIn Recruiter's current prices from its own site, so this guide lists no plans. business.linkedin.com has them.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Candidate search and outreach across LinkedIn's member network. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: AI features, AI agents, reports.

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Candidate search, InMail, projects, ATS and CRM integrations and reports.

From our grade for features

Candidate search

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Hiring Assistant

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InMail messaging

Built-in messaging with AI-assisted drafting and touch-ups. The page cites up to 150 InMails per month per seat.

Projects and pipeline

Saved candidates are tracked in shared Projects with the team's full history, and profiles can be shared with hiring managers or clients for feedback.

ATS and CRM integrations

Connects with applicant tracking systems, talent CRMs and email providers through LinkedIn's hiring integration program.

Usage and funnel reports

Usage reports show how a hiring team uses Recruiter, with custom reports and funnel insights that benchmark against competitors.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

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Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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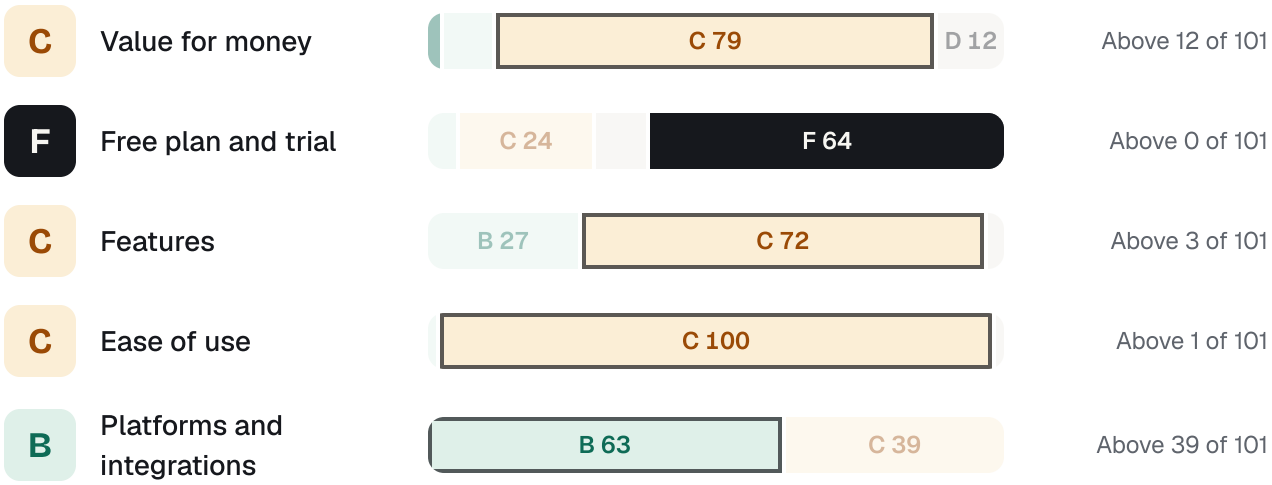
Other hiring and applicant tracking tools it is graded above

LinkedIn Recruiter's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 30 of the 101 other hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, and level with 23.

It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 39 of 101) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 102 hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. LinkedIn Recruiter's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace LinkedIn Recruiter you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 48 of the 101 other hiring and applicant tracking tools grade higher.

What you could make

- Reports: an app builder makes this well.

What you could not

- An AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.
- Sharing with other people, which means accounts and invitations.

What this rests on. LinkedIn Recruiter's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



SeekOut, hireEZ, Gem and Findem

The 4 tools LinkedIn Recruiter is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

SeekOut

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Free trial · from $149/mo

AI candidate sourcing across 1B+ profiles and your ATS.

- Only SeekOut lists a browser extension.
- SeekOut also covers applicant tracking.

LinkedIn Recruiter and SeekOut compared in full

hireEZ

2.0 GPA

Free trial · from $494/mo

AI sourcing and recruiting platform that sits on top of your ATS.

- hireEZ also covers applicant tracking.

LinkedIn Recruiter and hireEZ compared in full

Gem

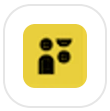
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From $130/mo

AI recruiting platform: sourcing, CRM, ATS, scheduling, analytics.

- Gem also covers applicant tracking and dashboards.

LinkedIn Recruiter and Gem compared in full



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Findem

Paid

People data platform for sourcing, with AI agents.

- LinkedIn Recruiter also covers reports.
- Findem also covers applicant tracking and skills tests.

LinkedIn Recruiter and Findem compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is LinkedIn Recruiter free?

No. LinkedIn Recruiter is a paid product.

What platforms does LinkedIn Recruiter work on?

LinkedIn Recruiter is available on Web.

Does LinkedIn Recruiter have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. LinkedIn Recruiter is listed for Web.

Does LinkedIn Recruiter have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. LinkedIn Recruiter is listed for Web.

Is LinkedIn Recruiter open source?

LinkedIn Recruiter is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Who makes LinkedIn Recruiter?

LinkedIn Recruiter is made by LinkedIn Corporation.

What are the alternatives to LinkedIn Recruiter?

The closest alternatives to LinkedIn Recruiter in our directory are SeekOut, hireEZ, Gem and Findem.

How does LinkedIn Recruiter compare with other hiring and applicant tracking tools?

LinkedIn Recruiter's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 30 of the 101 other hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, and level with 23.

Could I make my own version of LinkedIn Recruiter?

To replace LinkedIn Recruiter you would be making an AI agent, with the models and the safeguards behind it.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from LinkedIn Recruiter's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from LinkedIn Corporation's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by LinkedIn Corporation. Prices change, so check business.linkedin.com before you buy.

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at **toolgpa.com**.

7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

LinkedIn Recruiter, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/linkedin-recruiter

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded hiring and applicant tracking tools after LinkedIn Recruiter, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Hiring & Applicant Tracking Insider's Guide

Every one of the 102 hiring and applicant tracking tools we grade, compared

Manatal Insider's Guide

Low-cost per-user ATS and recruitment CRM with AI candidate matching

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Breezy HR Insider's Guide

Flat-priced applicant tracking with a free one-job plan

2.6 GPA

JOIN Insider's Guide

Multiposting and applicant management priced per open job

2.6 GPA

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