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2026 LinkedIn AI Profile Rules

Why your profile is being filtered out before recruiters and employers ever see you. And what to fix this week.

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You were not rejected. You were never seen.

In the last 90 days, you were probably invisible to roles you were fully qualified for. Not rejected. Not considered. Simply not seen.

The reason is not your experience. It is how LinkedIn now reads you. In 2026 the platform stopped matching keywords and started scoring identity, and most senior profiles have not caught up. This guide shows you exactly what changed and what to fix this week.

WHAT CHANGED

The four shifts that rewrote LinkedIn in 2026

1 Recruiters stopped scrolling.

LinkedIn's AI Hiring Assistant is live worldwide. It hands recruiters a ready list of up to 25 people who already match the role, every day. The recruiter's first job is no longer to find you. It is to approve or reject who the AI brought them. If you are not on that list, you do not exist for that role.

2 The system reads you as one identity.

LinkedIn now leans on AI that reads your whole profile together, not section by section, and scores how confidently it can classify who you are. Its foundation model is public, called 360 Brew. Profiles built for keyword search are read as incoherent.

3 Your words decide your level.

Your title says Director. Your language says Manager. The AI believes the language. You can be a real Director and still be ranked as a Manager, losing every Director-level role you should have been called for.

4 You compete against the AI, not other people.

You are no longer competing against other candidates. You are competing against the AI's ability to confidently understand who you are.

SCORE YOURSELF

The 2-minute visibility test

Count how many of these are true for you right now. Three or more, and your profile is being misread.

- Recruiter outbound has slowed in the last six to twelve months.
- Your headline still describes your current title, not the role you want next.
- A promotion or external move went to someone with less experience and a clearer profile.
- You updated your profile recently, but it still reads like a description of past work.
- You cannot say, in one line, the exact level and specialization the AI should file you under.

THE FIX

The headline formula: Identity, Specialization, Impact

The headline is the single highest-leverage line on your profile. It is what the AI reads first to decide your level. Rebuild it in three parts:

1 Identity

The level you actually operate at. Director, VP, Head of, Founder. State it plainly so the model files you there.

2 Specialization

The focused domain you own. Not everything you can do. The one lane recruiters search for.

3 Impact

The outcome you drive, in the language of the role you want next. This is what reclassifies you within days.

SEE IT

Before and after

BEFORE (title only, read as Manager):

"Senior Manager at Acme Corp"

AFTER (Identity · Specialization · Impact):

"Director of Revenue Operations | Scaling SaaS GTM systems | Built pipelines that added \$40M ARR"

Same person. Same experience. One the AI ranks as a Manager. One it ranks at the level you have earned.

WHY NOW

The real cost of a quiet month

Every month your profile is misread is a month of Director and VP searches you were never entered into. That is not a small gap. It compounds, in seniority, in offers, and in compensation you do not get back. The profile is the cheapest, fastest lever you have, and it is the one most senior professionals leave broken.

Your next step

This guide shows what changed. The live masterclass is where you fix it with me, on June 18.

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