Lined Stationery Template: Ruled Writing Area with Decorative Header

Worked example / complete source key

Plan a hypothetical A4 sheet (210 mm by 297 mm) with 15 mm top and bottom margins, 20 mm left and right margins, a 40 mm header band, and 8 mm line spacing. How many ruled lines fit, and where does the first baseline start?

Answer: Usable height is 297 minus 15 minus 15 = 267 mm. Subtract the 40 mm header to get 227 mm for the writing area. With 8 mm spacing, 227 divided by 8 is 28.375, so 28 full lines fit, using 224 mm. The remaining 3 mm stays as slack above the bottom margin. The first baseline starts 40 mm below the top margin plus a small gap, for example 8 mm, so it begins at 48 mm from the top edge. These values are hypothetical; measure your own paper and printer before using them.