Guidelines for Interview Questions

Area of Inquiry	Allowed	Not Permitted
Address/Duration at	Place and length of current and previous	Names and relationships of persons with
<u>Address</u>	address	whom the applicant resides
		Inquiries about foreign addresses
		Home ownership
<u>Affiliations</u>	 Professional or trade groups/associations 	Social, ethnic, religious organization/group
	membership	membership
	Positions held in professional organizations	
<u>Age</u>	• Proof of age (after hire only)	Age or age group
		Birth certificate (prior to hire)
		Birthdate
		Graduation dates
<u>Citizenship</u>	Eligibility to work in the U.S.	Citizenship, U.S or other country
	If asked, must be asked of all applicants	If native born or naturalized
		If parent or spouse is native born or
		naturalized
		Date of citizenship
		Proof of citizenship prior to hire
Credit Rating	 No questions can be asked 	Credit ratings or scores
		Financial/economic status and history
Criminal Record	Convictions or imprisonment for crimes	Arrests (without convictions)
	that are related to job duties	
<u>Disability</u>	Whether a candidate could perform	Medical conditions including mental
	essential job functions	health, current and previous
		Prescription drugs
		History of rehab or addiction
		Worker's compensation claims
		Weight and height
		Need for an accommodation prior to
		making a job offer
<u>Gender</u>	 No questions can be asked 	Gender/gender identity of applicant
		Physical requirements for position
Marital and Family		• Marital status, maiden name, and name of
<u>Status</u>	Availability for anticipated work schedules	spouse/partner
	Offer information on University/community	Number and age of children or childcare
	resources	arrangements
	If asked, must be asked of all applicants	Pregnancy and future plans to have
		children
		Living arrangements
Military Service	Service in the U.S. military	Military records
	Branch of service and rank	Military service in other countries
		Type of discharge

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National Origin	•Languages candidate reads or writes	Place of birth or citizenship
		Parental heritage
		• Ethnic club/organization affiliation
		 Native language/how language was
		acquired
Race	 No questions can be asked 	• Questions related to race or color of skin,
		eyes or hair
<u>Religion</u>	Anticipated work schedules of all	Religious denomination, affiliations, or
	employees	organizations/societies
	 If asked, must be asked of all applicants 	• Religious beliefs, practices, celebrations,
		holidays or customs
		Church/place of worship attendance
		Requirements for working on religious
		holidays
Sexual Orientation	 No questions can be asked 	Spouse/partner, heterosexual or
		homosexual
		Gender identity