

Instructions: Please review these guidelines from the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing before interviewing candidates.

SUBJECT	UNACCEPTABLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS	ACCEPTABLE INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES
NAME	Maiden name.	“Have you ever used another name? /or/ “Is any additional information relative to change of name, use of an assumed name, or nickname necessary to enable a check on your work and education record? If yes, please explain.”
RESIDENCE	“Do you own or rent your home?”	Place of residence.
AGE	Age. Birthdate. Dates of attendance or completion of elementary or high school. Questions which tend to identify applicants over age of 40.	Statement that hire is subject to verification that application meets legal age requirements. “If hired can you show proof of age?” “Are you over eighteen years of age?”
BIRTHPLACE CITIZENSHIP	Birthplace of applicant, applicant’s parents, spouse or other relatives. “Are you a U.S. citizen?” /or/ Citizenship of applicant, applicant’s parents, spouse, or other relatives. Requirements that applicant produce naturalization, first papers, or alien card prior to a decision of hire.	“Can you, after employment, submit verification of your legal right to work in the United States?” /or/ Statement that such proof may be required after a decision is made to hire the candidate.
NATIONAL ORIGIN	Questions as to nationality, lineage, ancestry, national origin, descent, or parentage of applicant, applicant’s parents, or spouse. “What is your mother tongue?” /or/ Language commonly used by applicant. How applicant acquired ability to read, write, or speak a foreign language.	Languages applicant reads, speaks, or writes, if use of a language other than English is relevant to the job for which applicant is applying.
SEX, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY	Questions which indicate applicant’s sex. Questions which indicate applicant’s marital status. Number and/or ages of children or dependents. Provisions for child care. Questions regarding pregnancy, child bearing or birth control. Name or address of relative, spouse, or children of adult applicant. “With whom do you reside?” /or/ “Do you live with your parents?”	Statement of company policy regarding work assignment of employees who are related.

RACE	Questions as to applicant's race or color. Questions regarding applicant's complexion or color of skin, eyes, hair.	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION PHOTOGRAPH	Questions as to applicant's height and weight. Require applicant, at his or her option, to submit a photograph. Require a photograph after interview but before employment.	Statement that photograph may be required after employment.
PHYSICAL CONDITION HANDICAP	Questions regarding applicant's general medical condition state of health, or illnesses. Questions regarding receipt of Worker's Compensation. "Do you have any physical disabilities or handicaps?"	Statement by employer that offer may be made contingent on applicant passing a job-related physical examination. "Do you require reasonable accommodation to perform the essential functions of the job applied for? If yes, what accommodations are required?"
RELIGION	Questions regarding applicant's religion, religious days observed /or/ "Does your religion prevent you from working weekends or holidays.	Statement by employer of regular days, hours, or shifts to be worked.
MILITARY SERVICE	General questions regarding military services such as dates, and type of discharge. Questions regarding service in foreign military.	Questions regarding relevant skills acquired during applicant's U.S. military services.
ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES	"List all organizations, clubs, societies, and lodges to which you belong."	"Please list job related organizations, clubs, professional societies, or other associations to which you belong-you may omit those which indicate your race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex or age."
REFERENCES	Questions of applicant's former employers or acquaintances which elicit information specifying the applicant's race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex.	"By whom were you referred for a position here?" Names of persons willing to provide professional and/or character references for applicant.
NOTICE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY	Name, address, and relationship of relative to be notified in case of accident or emergency.	Name and address of person to be notified in case of accident or emergency.