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| **Staffing action for:** | *Name of position* |

**Before you recruit**

* Review the organization’s recruitment and selection policy and/or practices
* Review the strategic and operational plans to determine if the position should be filled
* Confirm that funding exists to recruit for and staff the position
* Obtain the necessary approvals to staff the position
* Develop a job description if the position is new
* Review and update the job description for an existing position
* Decide on the type of employment (full-time; part-time; permanent; contract; short-term; etc)
* Identify constraints that will have an impact on the staffing process (need someone soon; specialized skills; supply/demand, etc)

**Establish the recruitment and selection criteria**

* Develop recruitment and selection criteria based on the job description
* Establish the minimum qualification for the position
* Review all recruitment and selection criteria to ensure they are job-related and measurable
* Ensure that all recruitment and selection criteria comply with Human Rights Legislation

**Recruitment process**

* Determine the best method for recruiting for the position
* Draft the job announcement using the job description, minimum qualifications and selection criteria
* Include the following in the job announcement:
  + Application deadline
  + Request for references
  + Start date
  + Salary range
  + Contact information
  + Format for submission
* Ensure that the job announcement complies with Human Rights Legislation

**Selection process**

### Before the interview

* Plan the interview process:
  + Number of rounds of interviews
  + Number of interviewers
  + Length of the interview
  + Location of the interview
  + Date of the interviews
  + Any materials the candidate should bring to the interview
* Ask colleagues to sit on the interview panel
* Give the interview panel the logistical information about the interviews
* Develop the interview questions
* Prepare an interview rating guide
* Develop a reference check guide
* Prepare a reference release form
* Ensure that the interview questions, reference questions and other selection criteria comply with Human Rights Legislation
* Prescreen applications using the selection criteria
* Set up the interviews with the selected candidates
* Forward the applications of those candidates being interviewed to the interview panel
* Forward the interview questions and interview rating guide to the interview panel
* Meet with the interview panel to brief them on the interview process

### Conduct the interview

* Review the candidate’s application before each interview
* Welcome the candidate to the interview
* Introduce the interview panel
* Explain the interview process
* Rate the candidate’s responses to the questions
* Give the candidate an opportunity to ask questions
* Close the interview by explaining the next step and thanking the candidate for coming to the interview
* Ensure that the discussion and the note taking during the interview complies with Human Rights Legislation

### After the interview

* Finalize your interview notes

**Select the right candidate**

* Use other selection methods as appropriate
* Telephone the references
* Use the reference checking guide to document the conversation
* Ensure that the discussion and the note taking during the reference check complies with Human Rights Legislation

**Conclude the staffing process**

* Make your decision and review it
* Make a verbal offer of the position to the selected candidate
* Follow-up the verbal offer in writing
* Prepare the job contract and have it signed before the new staff member starts work
* Send out rejection letters to the other candidates that were interviewed
* Set up a competition file
* Complete the paperwork necessary for the new staff member to start work

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