

United States Secret Service



Preliminary Application Package for Professional, Technical, Administrative, and Clerical Positions

How to Apply

Completed applications may be transmitted via facsimile; fax numbers are included on the last page of this package.

E-mailed applications will be also be accepted; e-mail addresses are also included on the last page. (PLEASE NOTE: If you are completing and/or submitting these forms through electronic means, you may provide a signature by typing "/s/" followed by your name. Further endorsement may be required to validate this information at a later point in the application process.)

If you are unable to submit your application via any of the methods above, please contact the Personnel Division at (202) 406-6090, or, for hearing impaired applicants, TTY (202) 406-5390, for assistance.

Declaration for Federal Employment

Form Approved
OMB No. 3206-0182

Instructions

The information collected on this form is used to determine your acceptability for Federal and Federal contract employment and your enrollment status in the Government's Life Insurance program. You may be asked to complete this form at any time during the hiring process. Follow instructions that the agency provides. If you are selected, before you are appointed you will be asked to update your responses on this form and on other materials submitted during the application process and then to recertify that your answers are true.

All your answers must be truthful and complete. **A false statement on any part of this declaration or attached forms or sheets may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you after you begin work. Also, you may be punished by a fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, title 18, section 1001).**

Either type your responses on this form or print clearly in dark ink. If you need additional space, attach letter-size sheets (8.5" X 11"). Include your name, Social Security Number, and item number on each sheet. We recommend that you keep a photocopy of your completed form for your records.

Privacy Act Statement

The Office of Personnel Management is authorized to request this information under sections 1302, 3301, 3304, 3328, and 8716 of title 5, U.S. Code. Section 1104 of title 5 allows the Office of Personnel Management to delegate personnel management functions to other Federal agencies. If necessary, and usually in conjunction with another form or forms, this form may be used in conducting an investigation to determine your suitability or your ability to hold a security clearance, and it may be disclosed to authorized officials making similar, subsequent determinations.

Your Social Security Number (SSN) is needed to keep our records accurate, because other people may have the same name and birth date. Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996) asks Federal agencies to use this number to help identify individuals in agency records. Giving us your SSN or any other information is voluntary. However, if you do not give us your SSN or any other information requested, we cannot process your application. Incomplete addresses and ZIP Codes may also slow processing.

ROUTINE USES: Any disclosure of this record or information in this record is in accordance with routine uses found in System Notice OPM/GOVT-1, General Personnel Records. This system allows disclosure of information to: training facilities; organizations deciding claims for retirement, insurance, unemployment, or health benefits; officials in litigation or administrative proceedings where the Government is a party; law enforcement agencies concerning a violation of law or regulation; Federal agencies for statistical reports and studies; officials of labor organizations recognized by law in connection with representation of employees; Federal agencies or other sources requesting information for Federal agencies in connection with hiring or retaining, security clearance, security or suitability investigations, classifying jobs, contracting, or issuing licenses, grants, or other benefits; public and private organizations, including news media, which grant or publicize employee recognitions and awards; the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Office of Special Counsel, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the National Archives and Records Administration, and Congressional offices in connection with their official functions; prospective non-Federal employers concerning tenure of employment, civil service status, length of service, and the date and nature of action for separation as shown on the SF 50 (or authorized exception) of a specifically identified individual; requesting organizations or individuals concerning the home address and other relevant information on those who might have contracted an illness or been exposed to a health hazard; authorized Federal and non-Federal agencies for use in computer matching; spouses or dependent children asking whether the employee has changed from a self-and-family to a self-only health benefits enrollment; individuals working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or job for the Federal government; non-agency members of an agency's performance or other panel; and agency-appointed representatives of employees concerning information issued to the employees about fitness-for-duty or agency-filed disability retirement procedures.

Public Burden Statement

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 5 to 30 minutes with an average of 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Reports and Forms Manager (3206-0182), Washington, DC 20415-7900. The OMB number, 3206-0182, is valid. OPM may not collect this information, and you are not required to respond, unless this number is displayed.

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Additional Questions

14. Do any of your relatives work for the agency or government organization to which you are submitting this form? (Include: father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, and half sister.) *If "YES," use item 16 to provide the relative's name, relationship, and the department, agency, or branch of the Armed Forces for which your relative works.* YES NO
15. Do you receive, or have you ever applied for, retirement pay, pension, or other retired pay based on military, Federal civilian, or District of Columbia Government service? YES NO

Continuation Space / Agency Optional Questions

16. Provide details requested in items 7 through 15 and 18c in the space below or on attached sheets. Be sure to identify attached sheets with your name, Social Security Number, and item number, and to include ZIP Codes in all addresses. If any questions are printed below, please answer as instructed (*these questions are specific to your position and your agency is authorized to ask them*).

Certifications / Additional Questions

APPLICANT. *If you are applying for a position and have not yet been selected,* carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets. When this form and all attached materials are accurate, read item 17, and complete 17a.

APPOINTEE: *If you are being appointed,* carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets, including any other application materials that your agency has attached to this form. If any information requires correction to be accurate as of the date you are signing, make changes on this form or the attachments and/or provide updated information on additional sheets, initialing and dating all changes and additions. When this form and all attached materials are accurate, read item 17, complete 17b, read 18, and answer 18a, 18b, and 18c as appropriate.

17. **I certify** that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this Declaration for Federal Employment, including any attached application materials, is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. **I understand that a false or fraudulent answer to any question or item on any part of this declaration or its attachments may be grounds for not hiring me, or for firing me after I begin work, and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment.** I understand that any information I give may be investigated for purposes of determining eligibility for Federal employment as allowed by law or Presidential order. I consent to the release of information about my ability and fitness for Federal employment by employers, schools, law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations to investigators, personnel specialists, and other authorized employees or representatives of the Federal Government. I understand that for financial or lending institutions, medical institutions, hospitals, health care professionals, and some other sources of information, a separate specific release may be needed, and I may be contacted for such a release at a later date.

IF SUBMITTING ELECTRONICALLY, AN "/S/" FOLLOWED BY YOUR TYPED NAME WILL SERVE IN LIEU OF AN ACTUAL SIGNATURE.

- 17a. Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Sign in ink)
- 17b. Appointee's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Sign in ink)

Appointing Officer: Enter Date of Appointment or Conversion MM / DD / YYYY

18. **Appointee (Only respond if you have been employed by the Federal Government before):** Your elections of life insurance during previous Federal employment may affect your eligibility for life insurance during your new appointment. These questions are asked to help your personnel office make a correct determination.

- 18a. When did you leave your last Federal job? DATE: _____
MM / DD / YYYY
- 18b. When you worked for the Federal Government the last time, did you waive Basic Life Insurance or any type of optional life insurance? YES NO Do Not Know
- 18c. If you answered "YES" to item 18b, did you later cancel the waiver(s)? If your answer to item 18c is "NO," use item 16 to identify the type(s) of insurance for which waivers were not canceled. YES NO Do Not Know

OPTIONAL APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT - OF 612

PRIVACY ACT AND PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENTS

• The Office of Personnel Management and other Federal agencies rate applicants for Federal jobs under the authority of sections 1104, 1302, 3301, 3304, 3320, 3361, 3393, and 3394 of title 5 of the United States Code. We need the information requested in this form and in the associated vacancy announcements to evaluate your qualifications. Other laws require us to ask about citizenship, military service, etc.

• We request your Social Security Number (SSN) under the authority of Executive Order 9397 in order to keep your records straight, other people may have the same name. As allowed by law or Presidential directive, we use your SSN to seek information about you from employers, schools, banks, and others who know you. Your SSN may also be used in studies and computer matching with other Government files, for example, files on unpaid student loans.

• If you do not give us your SSN or any other information requested, we cannot process your application, which is the first step in getting a job. Also, incomplete addresses and ZIP Codes will slow processing.

• We may give information from your records to: training facilities; organizations deciding claims for retirement, insurance, unemployment or health benefits, officials in litigation or administrative proceedings where the Government is a party, law enforcement agencies concerning violations of law or regulation, Federal agencies for statistical reports and studies, officials of labor organizations recognized by law in connection with representing employees, Federal agencies or other sources requesting information for Federal agencies in connection with hiring or retaining, security clearances, security or suitability investigations, classifying jobs, contracting, or issuing licenses, grants, or other benefits, public and private organizations including news media that grant or publicize employee recognition and awards, and the Merit Systems Protection Board, the Office of Special Counsel, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations

Authority, the National Archives, the Federal Acquisition Institute, and congressional offices in connection with their official functions.

• We may also give information from your records to: prospective nonfederal employers concerning tenure of employment, civil service status, length of service, and date and nature of action for separation as shown on personnel action forms of specifically identified individuals, requesting organizations or individuals concerning the home address and other relevant information on those who might have contracted an illness or been exposed to a health hazard, authorized Federal and nonfederal agencies for use in computer matching, spouses or dependent children asking whether the employee has changed from self-and-family to self-only health benefits enrollment, individuals working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement or job for the Federal Government, non-agency members of an agency's performance or other panel, and agency-appointed representatives of employees concerning information issued to the employee about fitness-for-duty or agency-filed disability retirement procedures.

• We estimate the public reporting burden for this collection will vary from 20 to 240 minutes with an average of 40 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the information. You may send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Reports and Forms Management Officer, Washington, DC 20415-0001.

• Send your application to the agency announcing the vacancy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

You may apply for most Federal jobs with a resume, the attached *Optional Application for Federal Employment* or other written format. If your resume or application does not provide all the information requested on this form and in the job vacancy announcement, you may lose consideration for a job. Type or print clearly in dark ink. Help speed the selection process by keeping your application brief and sending only the requested information. If essential to attach additional pages, include your name and Social Security Number on each page.

- For information on Federal employment, including job lists, alternative formats for persons with disabilities, and veterans' preference, call the U.S. Office of Personnel Management at **912-757-3000**, **TDD 912-744-2299**, by computer modem **912-757-3100**, or via the Internet (Telnet only) at FJOB.MAIL.OPM.GOV.

- If you served on active duty in the United States Military and were separated under honorable conditions, you may be eligible for veterans' preference. To receive preference if your service began after October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a service-connected disability. Veterans' preference is not a factor for Senior Executive Service jobs or when competition is limited to status candidates (current or former career or career-conditional Federal employees).

- Most Federal jobs require United States citizenship and also that males over age 18 born after December 31, 1959, have registered with the Selective Service System or have an exemption.

- The law prohibits public officials from appointing, promoting, or recommending their relatives.

- Federal annuitants (military and civilian) may have their salaries or annuities reduced. All employees must pay any valid delinquent debts or the agency may garnish their salary.

- Send your application to the office announcing the vacancy. If you have questions, contact that office.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

OPTIONAL APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT - OF 612

You may apply for most jobs with a resume, this form, or other written format. If your resume or application does not provide all the information requested on this form and in the job vacancy announcement, you may lose consideration for a job.

1 Job title in announcement		2 Grade(s) applying for	3 Announcement number
4 Last name	First and middle names		5 Social Security Number
6 Mailing address			7 Phone number (include area code) Daytime Evening
City	State	ZIP Code	

WORK EXPERIENCE

8 Describe your paid and nonpaid work experience related to the job for which you are applying. Do not attach job descriptions.

1) Job title (if Federal, include series and grade)

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Salary	per	Hours per week
Employer's name and address				Supervisor's name and phone number

Describe your duties and accomplishments

2) Job title (if Federal, include series and grade)

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Salary per	Hours per week
Employer's name and address			Supervisor's name and phone number

Describe your duties and accomplishments

3) Job title (if Federal, include series and grade)

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Salary per	Hours per week
Employer's name and address			Supervisor's name and phone number

Describe your duties and accomplishments

4) Job title (if Federal, include series and grade)

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Salary per	Hours per week
Employer's name and address			Supervisor's name and phone number

Describe your duties and accomplishments

5) Job title (if Federal, include series and grade)

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Salary per	Hours per week
Employer's name and address			Supervisor's name and phone number

Describe your duties and accomplishments

6) Job title (if Federal, include series and grade)

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Salary per	Hours per week
Employer's name and address			Supervisor's name and phone number

Describe your duties and accomplishments

9 May we contact your current supervisor? YES NO → If we need to contact your current supervisor before making an offer, we will contact you first.

EDUCATION

10 Mark highest level completed. Some HS HS/GED Associate Bachelor Master Doctoral

11 Last high school (HS) or GED school. Give the school's name, city, state, ZIP Code (if known), and year diploma or GED received.

12 Colleges and universities attended. Do **not** attach a copy of your transcript unless requested.

	Name	Total Credits Earned		Major(s)	Degree (if any)	Year Received
		Semester	Quarter			
1)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> City State ZIP Code </div>					
2)						
3)						

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

13 **Job-related** training courses (give title and year). **Job-related** skills (other languages, computer software/hardware, tools, machinery, typing speed, etc.). **Job-related** certificates and licenses (current only). **Job-related** honors, awards, and special accomplishments (publications, memberships in professional/honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, and performance awards). Give dates, but do not send documents unless requested.

GENERAL

- 14** Are you a U.S. citizen? **YES** **NO** → Give the country of your citizenship. _____
- 15** Do you claim veterans' preference? **NO** **YES** → Mark your claim of 5 or 10 points below.
5 points → Attach DD 214 or other proof. **10 points** → Attach *Application for 10-Point Veterans' Preference* (SF 15) and proof required.
- 16** Were you ever a Federal civilian employee?
NO **YES** → For highest civilian grade give:

Series	Grade From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)
- 17** Are you eligible for reinstatement based on career or career-conditional Federal status?
NO **YES** → If requested, attach SF 50 proof.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

18 I **certify** that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith. I **understand** that false or fraudulent information on or attached to this application may be grounds for not hiring me or for firing me after I begin work, and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment. I **understand** that any information I give may be investigated.

SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

Supplemental Qualifications Statement

Professional, Technical, Administrative, and Clerical Positions

The knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) identified in your specific vacancy announcement are important to successful performance of the position you are applying for. The extent to which you possess these factors will be evaluated by a review of your experience and training. To ensure that you are given every opportunity to provide the information needed to assess your qualifications, please enter each KSA (exactly as it appears in your specific vacancy announcement) in the numbered blocks below. Then, in the larger blocks that correspond to each KSA (separated by a dashed line), provide a narrative statement of how you meet each of these requirements. When complete, submit this form with your initial application package. If the space provided is not sufficient for your response, additional sheets of paper may be attached to this form.

KSA 1.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: Your Social Security Number (SSN) is solicited under the authority of Executive Order 9397. The information is needed to process an application for employment, and will be used to identify and separate individuals with similar or identical names or initials. Disclosure of your SSN is voluntary; however, failure to provide your SSN and other information requested may delay or prohibit processing of your application.

Name *(please print)*

SSN

Date

KSA 2.

Name *(please print)*

SSN

Date

KSA 3.

Name (*please print*)

SSN

Date

KSA 4.

Name *(please print)*

SSN

Date

KSA 5.

Name *(please print)*

SSN

Date

KSA 6.

Name *(please print)*

SSN

Date

U.S. Office of Personnel Management Guide to Personnel Data Standards	ETHNICITY AND RACE IDENTIFICATION (Please read the Privacy Act Statement and instructions before completing form.)	
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Social Security Number	Birthdate (Month and Year)
Agency Use Only		
<p>Privacy Act Statement</p> <p>Ethnicity and race information is requested under the authority of 42 U.S.C. Section 2000e-16 and in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's 1997 Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity. Providing this information is voluntary and has no impact on your employment status, but in the instance of missing information, your employing agency will attempt to identify your race and ethnicity by visual observation.</p> <p>This information is used as necessary to plan for equal employment opportunity throughout the Federal government. It is also used by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or employing agency maintaining the records to locate individuals for personnel research or survey response and in the production of summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies in support of the function for which the records are collected and maintained, or for related workforce studies.</p> <p>Social Security Number (SSN) is requested under the authority of Executive Order 9397, which requires SSN be used for the purpose of uniform, orderly administration of personnel records. Providing this information is voluntary and failure to do so will have no effect on your employment status. If SSN is not provided, however, other agency sources may be used to obtain it.</p>		
<p>Specific Instructions: The two questions below are designed to identify your ethnicity and race. Regardless of your answer to question 1, go to question 2.</p>		
<p>Question 1. Are You Hispanic or Latino? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		
<p>Question 2. Please select the racial category or categories with which you most closely identify by placing an "X" in the appropriate box. Check as many as apply.</p>		
RACIAL CATEGORY (Check as many as apply)	DEFINITION OF CATEGORY	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.	
<input type="checkbox"/> White	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.	

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SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF HANDICAP

(See Instructions and Privacy Act information on reverse)

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	Birth Date (Mo./Yr.)	Social Security Number	ENTER CODE HERE →	
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DEFINITION OF A HANDICAP: A person is handicapped if he or she has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such impairment.

Those handicaps that are to be reported are listed below (codes in bold numbers 13 through 94). In the case of multiple impairments, choose the code which describes the impairment that would result in the most substantial limitation.

TO THE EMPLOYEE:

Self-identification of handicap status is essential for effective data collection and analysis. The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only and will not in any way affect you individually. While self-identification is voluntary, your cooperation in providing accurate information is critical.

01 I do not wish to identify my handicap status. (Please read the employee note above and the reverse side of this form before using this code.) (Note: Your personnel officer may use this code if, in his or her judgment, you used an incorrect code.)

05 I do not have a handicap.

06 I have a handicap but it is not listed below.

SPEECH IMPAIRMENTS

13 Severe speech malfunction or inability to speak; hearing is normal (Examples: defects of articulation [unclear language sounds]; stuttering; aphasia [impaired language function]; laryngectomy [removal of the "voice box"])

HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

15 Hard of hearing (Total deafness in one ear or inability to hear ordinary conversation, correctable with a hearing aid)
16 Total deafness in both ears, with understandable speech
17 Total deafness in both ears, and unable to speak clearly

VISION IMPAIRMENTS

22 Ability to read ordinary size print with glasses, but with loss of peripheral (side) vision (Restriction of the visual field to the extent that mobility is affected - "Tunnel vision")
23 Inability to read ordinary size print, not correctable by glasses (Can read oversized print or use assisting devices such as glass or projector modifier)
24 Blind in one eye
25 Blind in both eyes (No usable vision, but may have some light perception)

MISSING EXTREMITIES

27 One hand
28 One arm
29 One foot
32 One leg
33 Both hands or arms
34 Both feet or legs
35 One hand or arm and one foot or leg
36 One hand or arm and both feet or legs
37 Both hands or arms and one foot or leg
38 Both hands or arms and both feet or legs

NONPARALYTIC ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENTS

(Because of chronic pain, stiffness, or weakness in bones or joints, there is some loss of ability to move or use a part or parts of the body.)

44 One or both hands **47** One or both legs
45 One or both feet **48** Hip or pelvis
46 One or both arms **49** Back
57 Any combination of two or more parts of the body

PARTIAL PARALYSIS

(Because of a brain, nerve, or muscle problem, including palsy and cerebral palsy, there is some loss of ability to move or use a part of the body, including legs, arms, and/or trunk.)

61 One hand **67** One side of body, including one arm and one leg
62 One arm, any part
63 One leg, any part
64 Both hands **68** Three or more major parts of the body (arms and legs)
65 Both legs, any part
66 Both arms, any part

COMPLETE PARALYSIS

(Because of a brain, nerve, or muscle problem, including palsy and cerebral palsy, there is a complete loss of ability to move or use a part of the body, including legs, arms, and/or trunk.)

70 One hand **76** Lower half of body, including legs
71 Both hands
72 One arm **77** One side of body, including one arm and one leg
73 Both arms
74 One leg **78** Three or more major parts of the body (arms and legs)
75 Both legs

OTHER IMPAIRMENTS

80 Heart disease with no restriction or limitation of activity (History of heart problems with complete recovery)
81 Heart disease with restriction or limitation of activity
82 Convulsive disorder (e.g., epilepsy)
83 Blood diseases (e.g., sickle cell anemia, leukemia, hemophilia)
84 Diabetes
86 Pulmonary or respiratory disorders (e.g., tuberculosis, emphysema, asthma)
87 Kidney dysfunctioning (e.g., if dialysis [Use of an artificial kidney machine] is required)
88 Cancer---a history of cancer with complete recovery
89 Cancer---undergoing surgical and/or medical treatment
90 Mental retardation (A chronic and lifelong condition involving a limited ability to learn, to be educated, and to be trained for useful productive employment as certified by a State Vocational Rehabilitation agency under section 213.3102(t) of Schedule A)
91 Mental or emotional illness (A history of treatment for mental or emotional problems)
92 Severe distortion of limbs and/or spine (e.g., dwarfism, kyphosis [severe distortion of back])
93 Disfigurement of face, hands, or feet (e.g., distortion of features on skin, such as those caused by burns, gunshot injuries, and birth defects [gross facial birthmarks, club feet, etc.])
94 Learning disability (A disorder in one or more of the processes involved in understanding, perceiving, or using language or concepts [spoken or written]; e.g., dyslexia)

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112) requires each agency in the Executive branch of the Federal Government to establish definite programs that will facilitate the hiring, placement, and advancement of handicapped individuals. The best means of determining agency progress in this respect is through the production of reports at certain intervals showing such things as the number of handicapped employees hired, promoted, trained, or reassigned over a given time period; the percentage of handicapped employees in the work force and in various grades and occupations; etc. Such reports bring to the attention of agency top management, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and the Congress deficiencies within specific agencies or the Federal Government as a whole in the hiring, placement, and advancement of handicapped individuals and, therefore, are the essential first step in improving these conditions and consequently meeting the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act.

The handicap data collected on employees will be used only in the production of reports such as those previously mentioned and not for any purpose that will affect them individually. The only exception to this rule is that the records may be used for selective placement purposes and selecting special populations for mailing of voluntary personnel research surveys. In addition, every precaution will be taken to ensure that the information provided by each employee is kept in the strictest confidence and is known only to the one or two individuals in the agency Personnel Office who obtain and record the information for entry into the agency's and OPM's personnel systems. You should also be aware that participation in the handicap reporting system is entirely voluntary, **with the exception of employees appointed under Schedule A, section 213.3102(t) (Mental Retardation); Schedule A, section 213.3102(u) (Severely Physically Handicapped); and Schedule B, section 213.3202(k) (Mentally Restored).** These employees will be requested to identify their handicap status and if they decline to do so, their correct handicap code will be obtained from medical documentation used to support their appointment. No other employees will be required to identify their handicap status if they feel for any reason it is not in their best interest to have this information officially recorded outside of medical records. We request only that anyone not wishing to have this information entered in the agency's and OPM's personnel systems indicate this to their Personnel Office, rather than intentionally miscoding themselves, since false responses will seriously damage the statistical value of the reporting system.

[in those instances where the employee is or was hired under Schedule A, section 213.3102(t) (Mental Retardation), the Personnel Director or his/her designee (a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor may also be helpful) **will assist the individual in completing this form and ensure that the employee fully understands the meaning of the form and the options available to him/her, as noted above.**]

Employees will be given every opportunity to ensure that the handicap code carried in their agency's and OPM's personnel systems is accurate and is kept current. They may exercise this opportunity by asking their Personnel Officer to see a printout of the code and definition from their record, by notifying Personnel any time their handicap status changes, and by initiating action in either of these cases to have the necessary changes made to their records. The code carried on employees in their agency's system will be identical to that carried in OPM's system, and any change to the agency records will result in the same change being made to OPM's records. Your cooperation and assistance in establishing and maintaining an accurate and up-to-date handicap report system is sincerely appreciated.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Collection of the requested information is authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112). The information you furnish will be used for the purpose of producing statistical reports to show agency progress in hiring, placement, and advancement of handicapped individuals and to locate individuals for voluntary participation in surveys. The reports will be used to inform agency top management, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the Congress, and the public of the status of programs for employment of the handicapped. All such reports will be in the form of aggregate totals and will not identify you in any way as an individual.

Solicitation of your Social Security Number (SSN) is authorized by Executive Order 9397, which requires agencies to use the SSN as the means for identifying individuals in personnel information systems. Your SSN will only be used to ensure that your correct handicap code is recorded along with the other employee information that your agency and OPM maintain on you. Furnishing your SSN or any other of the requested data for this collection effort is voluntary and failure to do so will have no effect on you. It should be noted, however, that where individuals decline to furnish their SSN, the SSN will be obtained from other records in order to ensure accurate and complete data.

Employees appointed under Schedule A, section 213.3102(t) (Mental Retardation), Schedule A, section 213.3102(u) (Severely Physically Handicapped), or Schedule B, section 213.3202(k) (Mentally Restored) are requested to furnish an accurate handicap code, but failure to do so will have no effect on them. Where employees hired under one of these appointments fail to disclose their handicap, however, the appropriate code will be determined from the employee's existing records or medical documentation submitted to justify the appointment.

Thank you for completing this application package.

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