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CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 2 (Administration)
DIVISION 1 (Administrative Personnel)
CHAPTER 1 (State Personnel Board)
SUBCHAPTER 1.3 (Classifications, Examinations, and Appointments)
ARTICLE 10 (Appointments)

§ 249.5. Employment Inquiries.

(a) When making employment inquiries to determine an eligible candidate's interest in a job vacancy, the appointing power shall document which eligible candidates were contacted, how and when they were contacted, and any response. These records shall be maintained in accordance with section 26.

(b) When sending employment inquiries, appointing powers shall not make requests or statements that can be construed as discouraging eligible candidates from pursuing an appointment to a position.

Note: Authority cited: Section 18701, Government Code. Reference: Section 19050, Government Code.

§ 258. Time Periods for Eligible Candidate ~~Responses~~ Responses to Employment Inquiries Following Certification.

~~It shall be the duty of every~~ An eligible candidate shall to respond within a reasonable time to an employment inquiry to ~~ascertain his or her~~ determine their interest in appointment to a ~~position~~ job vacancy. An eligible candidate does not need to respond to an employment inquiry when he or she is ~~they are~~ not interested in the position.

(a) The Department or appointing power shall provide an eligible candidate the following minimum time periods by which to respond to an employment inquiry:

(1) Telephone: A minimum of two business days after the initial contact, including a voicemail message;

(2) Mail: A minimum of six business days after the date the written notice is sent;

(3) Electronic Communication: A minimum of six business days after the date the electronic notice is sent.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term “electronic communication” means any communication that is transferred electronically to the eligible candidate, including, by

way of electronic mail or e-mail, an online account, or similar methods that use computers or the internet for transmission and that the eligible candidate has agreed to use. "Electronic communication" does not include verbal communication.

(c) Where an employment inquiry for a job ~~opening vacancy~~ is sent to an eligible candidate and the date by which to respond to the inquiry is prior to the final filing date for the job ~~posting advertisement~~, the Department or appointing power shall not act upon the eligible candidate's failure to ~~reply~~ respond to the employment inquiry if the eligible candidate files ~~his or her~~ their application by the final filing date, thereby verifying ~~his or her~~ their interest in the position.

~~If the eligible candidate is unavailable for employment within 30 calendar days following the date of the job offer, the appointing power may consider this a waiver of appointment then the appointing power may treat the unavailability of the candidate the same as a decline of the job offer. The candidate shall remain active on the employment list.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18701, Government Code. Reference: Section 19050, Government Code.

§ 260. Failure to Respond Eligible Candidate Responses to Employment Inquiries.

~~When the board, executive officer, or a state agency transmits to an eligible any communication concerning availability for any type of employment requiring an answer, if the eligible's response is not received within the time provided by Section 258, the eligible may not be considered for that vacancy and, in the case of certification, is a waiver of contact.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 18930, Government Code. Reference: Section 18935, Government Code.~~

(a) If an eligible candidate is not interested in a job vacancy, then the eligible candidate will not be considered for the job vacancy.

(b) An eligible candidate on a certified eligible list is considered to be not interested in a job vacancy when they:

(1) Fail to respond to an employment inquiry or fail to respond to an employment inquiry within the time provided by Section 258;

(2) Respond to an employment inquiry as not interested;

(3) Are either unavailable or decline to interview for a job vacancy;

(4) Withdraw interest in a job vacancy at any time during the hiring process to fill the job vacancy; or,

(5) Are either unavailable for employment or decline an offer of employment.

(c) If an eligible candidate is unavailable for employment within 30 calendar days following the date of a formal offer of employment, then the appointing power may treat the unavailability of the eligible candidate the same as a decline of the job offer. The

eligible candidate shall remain active on the eligible list.

(d) Eligible candidates certified from any eligible list may decline an unlimited number of employment inquiries and hiring interview offers without penalty.

Note: Authority cited: Section 18701, Government Code. Reference: Section 18935, Government Code.

§ 260.1. Decline a Job Offer or Failure to Appear for Work or Job Interview After Acceptance of Appointment Formal Offer of Employment.

~~In the case of certification, if the eligible candidate a hired candidate declines a job offer, it is considered a waiver of appointment. If the eligible fails to appear for a job interview or the first day of work after acceptance of an appointment and on an agreed upon start date and time between the candidate and the appointing authority without any further agreement, the eligible's eligible candidate's name will be placed on inactive status of the certified eligible list, and it is considered a waiver of appointment.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 18701, Government Code. Reference: Section 18935, Government Code.

§ 261. Waiver of Certification.

The executive officer may ascertain from each eligible candidate the salary, tenure, location, and other pertinent conditions of employment under which the eligible candidate will accept appointment. Such statement of acceptable conditions of employment shall constitute an automatic waiver of certification to positions having other conditions of employment. The conditions of employment acceptable to an eligible candidate may at any time be changed at that eligible's candidate's written request; but, in such event, that eligible candidate shall not be entitled to consideration for appointment to any position for which certification has already been forwarded to the appointing power.

Note: Reference: Section 19057, Government Code.

~~§ 261.1. Waiver of Contact. [Repealed]~~

~~(a) If, after being contacted to ascertain interest in a position, and the eligible candidate is not interested, the eligible candidate will not be considered for the vacancy, and, in the case of certification, the eligible candidate is deemed to have waived contact for that certified list. An eligible candidate is considered not interested when any of the following occur:~~

~~(1) Eligible Candidate fails to respond to a contact, or fails to respond in accordance with rule 258;~~

~~(2) Eligible Candidate responds to a contact as not interested;~~

~~(3) Eligible Candidate is either unavailable or declines to interview for a position;~~

~~(4) Eligible Candidate withdraws interest in a position at any time during the recruitment process to fill the vacancy.~~

~~(5) Candidate is either unavailable for employment or declines the job offer.~~

~~(6) Candidate fails to appear for work on the designated start date.~~

~~(b) Eligibles Candidates certified from any open list may decline an unlimited number of employment inquiries and hiring interview offers without penalty of being charged a waiver of appointment.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 18701, Government Code. Reference: Section 18935, Government Code.~~