Personal Data is Essential Protect Your Privacy

## Job Seeking



香港個人資料私隱專員公署 Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong Job applicants should be cautious in providing their personal data to prospective employers to safeguard their data privacy rights.

## **Know the Advertisers**

 Do not send résumé to any organisations or individuals that posted recruitment advertisements without disclosing their identities (Blind Advertisements).

## First Company

# Requires a Sales Person

1-2 years of experience in product sales Please send résumé to PO Box No.100 Personal data collected will be used for recruitment purposes only

# Company Assistant

F.5 or above

Familiar with company secretarial practice Please send résumé to PO Box No.100

### **Understand the Purpose of Data Collection** ......

Read any "Personal Information Collection Statement" in the recruitment advertisements to find out the purpose for which the personal data is to be used. If advertisers directly solicit personal data from job applicants, the advertisements should contain a statement to the effect that "Personal data collected will be used for recruitment purposes only".

The advertiser directly requires job applicants to provide personal data, but does not disclose its identity. This may amount to unfair collection of personal data.

The advertiser who directly solicits personal data from job applicants must disclose his identity.



#### **Company Assistant**

F.5 or above
Familiar with company
secretarial practice
Please send résumé to PO Box No.100

The advertiser directly solicits personal data from job applicants, but fails to state in the advertisement the purpose of collecting job applicants' personal data, i.e. collection for recruitment purposes only.



F.5 or above 1-2 years of experience in product sales

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The advertiser sets out in the advertisement the purpose of collecting personal data from job applicants.



#### Do Not Provide Excessive Personal Data

 During recruitment process, prospective employers need to collect the personal data of job applicants for selection of suitable candidates. However, job applicants should not blindly follow the prospective employers' instructions and provide personal data that is not necessary for the selection purpose.

For example, in usual cases, job applicants need not provide:

- 1. Bank account information—Reason: prospective employers will not give salaries to job applicants at the recruitment stage.
- **2. Credit card information**—Reason: credit card information is not related to the selection of suitable persons.
- During recruitment process, prospective employers may view applicants' identity card for identification purpose.
- Prospective employers <u>should not</u> collect copies of applicants' identity cards unless and until applicants have accepted the employment offer.

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Identify the job applicant

Contact the job applicant

## First Company Job Application Form

Name:

Address:

Tel No.:

Academic Qualification:

Work Experience:

Skills:

Professional Qualification:

Personal Information Collection Statement

- On or before collection of personal data, the prospective employers have to inform (which can be done by way of a Personal Information Collection Statement) job applicants at least the following information:
  - 1. Purpose of collection of personal data;
  - 2. Classes of persons to whom the data may be transferred;
  - 3. Whether it is obligatory or voluntary to supply the data and, if obligatory, the consequences for failing to supply the data; and
  - 4. The applicant has the rights to request access to and correction of data (and the name / job title and address of the individual to whom such requests may be made).

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 For selection of suitable candidates, prospective employers may obtain references from job applicants' current or former employers.

#### Reminder:

Any employer (prospective employer, current or former employer) should obtain the applicant's consent before requesting / giving reference to other parties.

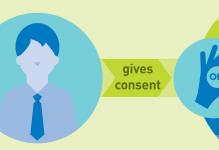
Prospective employer

Assess the

suitability

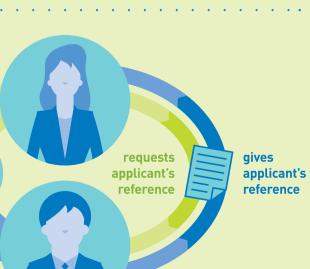
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applicant



Job applicant

Current or former employer







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