



Introduction

This policy sets out our approach to the recruitment process. It includes information about line manager responsibilities, the role of the HR department, job descriptions and employee specifications, interviews (both remote and onsite) and equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Line manager responsibilities

Line managers are responsible for recruitment in conjunction with the HR department. A line manager who wishes to recruit someone must first obtain approval from the Head of Department. Where recruitment is planned to fill a vacancy created by a leaver, approval will normally be granted automatically. However, the line manager will still need to seek approval from the Managing Director. This policy is the responsibility of anybody responsible for recruitment within the business.

Assessment criteria

We always aim to recruit the person most suited to each job. We recruit solely based on the applicant's abilities and individual merit as measured against the predetermined criteria for the job. Qualifications, experience, and skills are assessed at the level relevant to the job.

Job descriptions and employee specifications

Before initiating the recruitment process, the responsible line manager must ensure that the role's job description is up-to-date and that the employee specification is clear.

The job description will describe the duties, responsibilities, and level of seniority associated with the role and pay and benefits, while the employee specification will describe the type of qualifications, training, knowledge, experience, skills, aptitudes, competencies and personal qualities required for effective performance of the job.

Advertisement of vacancies

It is our policy that all vacancies will be displayed on noticeboards throughout our premises and, from time to time, may be sent via internal emails. Line managers should encourage existing employees to apply for vacant posts if they have the appropriate qualifications, experience and skills.

For jobs we intend to advertise externally, managers must send the proposed advertisement to the HR department, which will be responsible for putting it together. Line managers should consider and discuss with the HR department whether it is appropriate to advertise the vacancy with the Government's Find a Job service, through an approved employment agency, or on LinkedIn.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

We are committed to applying our equality, diversity, and inclusion policy at all stages of recruitment and selection. We always carry out shortlisting, interviewing and selection without regard to an applicant's sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital or civil partnership status, skin colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origins, religion or belief, age, pregnancy or maternity leave or trade union membership.

We will never exclude any candidate with a disability unless the candidate cannot perform a duty that is intrinsic to the role, having considered reasonable adjustments. Line managers must only ask a candidate questions about their health where this is directly necessary for a particular role and, in any event, only once they have been shortlisted.



To prevent any candidate from being disadvantaged because of a disability, the individual responsible for communicating with applicants should ask each candidate whether they require reasonable adjustments to be made. These may include ensuring easy access to the premises for an interview with an alternative option, providing an alternative to a telephone interview for a deaf candidate, providing a suitable chair for an interview with a candidate suffering from back problems, or listing other relevant examples.

The HR department is always available to guide reasonable adjustments.

Interviews

Line managers conducting recruitment interviews will ensure that the questions they ask job applicants are not discriminatory or unnecessarily intrusive. The interview will focus on the role and the skills needed to perform it effectively.

Line managers must record every recruitment interview using MSF275 Interview Questions and forward this to the HR department to be retained for a suitable period. To ensure fairness, the line manager should ensure that the questions asked are consistent in all interviews for a particular job. No job offer should be made during or at the end of an interview.

In some cases, we will hold interviews remotely via telephone/online video call. Video interviews are carried out using Zoom or Microsoft Teams. The responsible line manager should, in advance, provide the interviewee with details of how the interview will be conducted. They should also allow the interviewee to provide details of any reasonable adjustments that should be made or technological difficulties that they may encounter.

Qualifications

We ask every successful candidate to provide us with documentary proof of qualifications that may be applicable to their role. Any offer of employment will be conditional on the satisfaction of these requirements.

Right to work checks

We only recruit individuals with a legal right to work in the UK. All offers of employment will be subject to the candidate providing the required original documents or our organisation being able to carry out a check on the Home Office online right-to-work checking service confirming their right to do the work in question. To enable us to conduct an online check, the candidate must have shared their right-to-work details using the Home Office [prove your right to work to an employer](#) online service.

The requirement to provide evidence of the right to work in the UK applies to all new recruits, regardless of their race, nationality or ethnic or national origins.

Data protection

We process all personal data collected during the recruitment process in accordance with our MSP27 Data Protection Policy and MSP71 Processing Special Category Personal Data and Criminal Records data policy.

We do not collect unnecessary personal data from applicants during the recruitment process. For example, we will only request bank account details and next-of-kin contact details from successful applicants. Data collected as part of the recruitment process is held securely and accessed by, and disclosed to, individuals only for the purposes of managing the recruitment exercise effectively to



decide to whom to offer the job. Staff should immediately report any inappropriate access or disclosure of job applicant data per our organisation's data protection policy. It may also constitute a disciplinary offence, which will be dealt with under our organisation's MSP62 Disciplinary Procedure.

Trade Unions

While the company does not currently recognise any trade unions, please note that all employees are welcome to join, consult, or form a union at their own choice and discretion at any time during their employment with SCL. Employee representatives and our preferred Solicitor consult our policies prior to introducing any arrangements of our company policies.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed at least annually and amended where appropriate. It is supported by our procedure for employing migrant workers; please refer to MSP56.

Signed: 

Date: 08.08.24

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