

# **How to Apply for Fairfax County Jobs**



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- About Department of Human Resources, Employment Division
- Application Basics
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- ☐ Interviewing Process
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# **About Us**

# **DHR - Employment Division**

The Fairfax County Department of Human Resources' (DHR) Employment Division is responsible for the core services of job announcements, recruitment, and selection for open and promotional job vacancies.

- 7 Human Resources Analysts supporting 50+ agencies
  - Over 140,000 applications per year
  - 70+ jobs postings per week
- CY2024 At a Glance
  - Avg. Views per Job Posting: 2,071
  - Total Hires: 3,039
  - Veteran Hires: 101
  - Time to Hire: 70 days

# **Application Basics Where to Apply**

Fairfax County uses Government Jobs for its job applications system. There are two ways to access it and view available jobs:



Fairfax County Website

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov

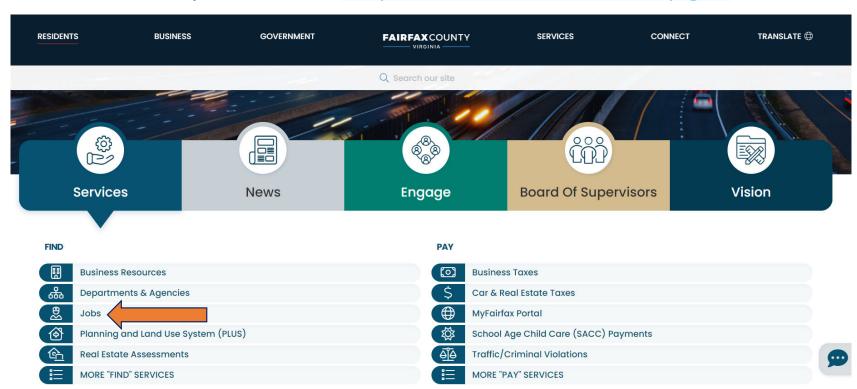


Government Jobs Website

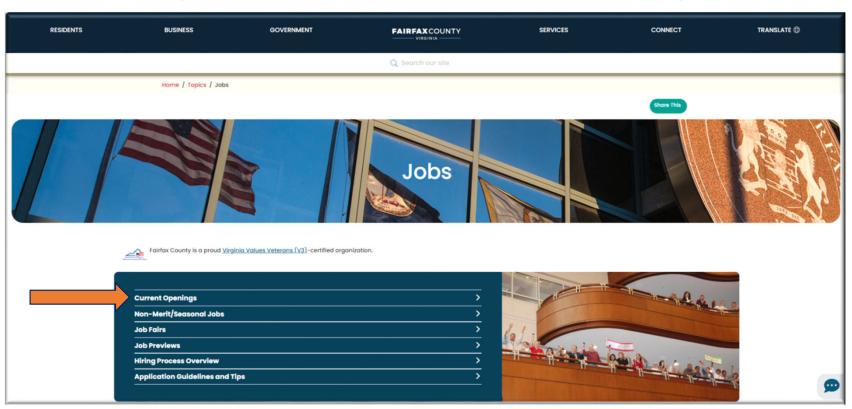
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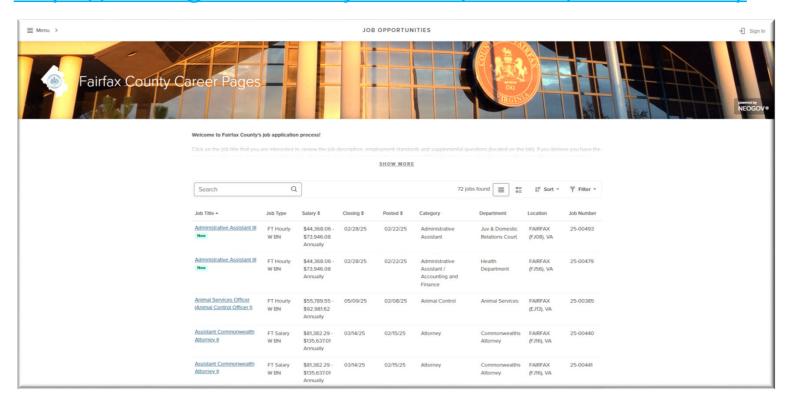


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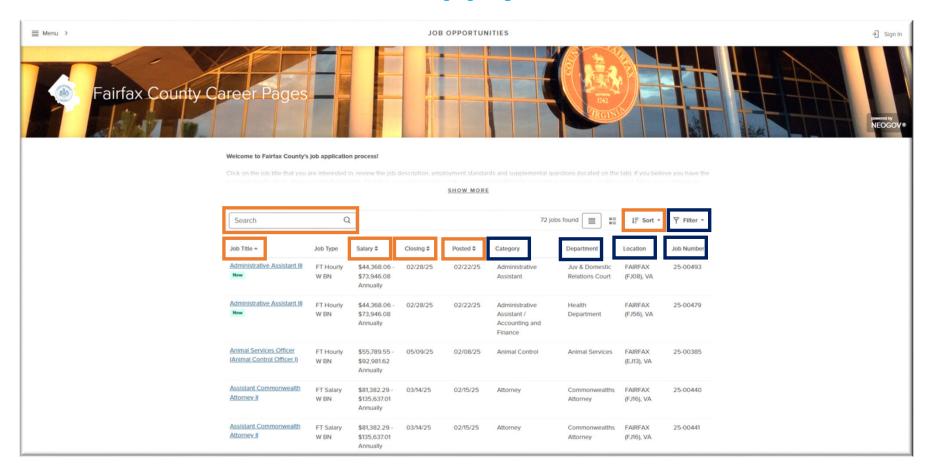
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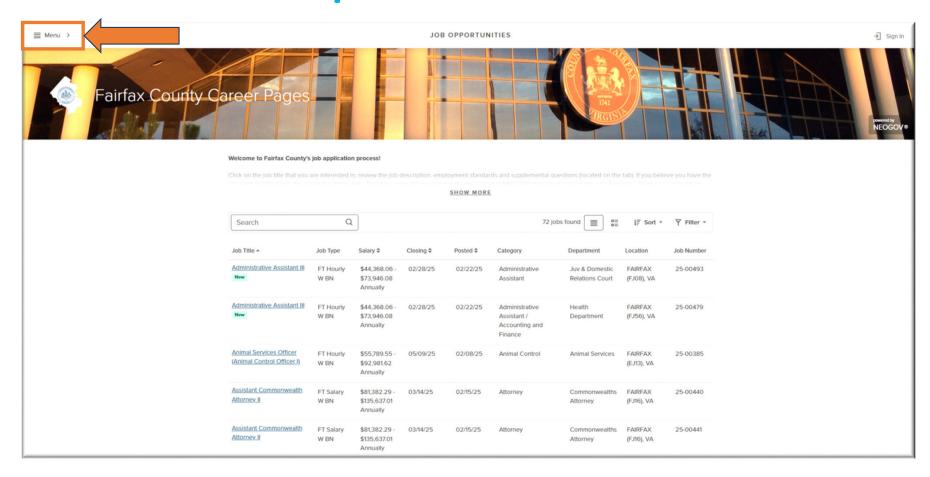


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Close: Fridays at 11:59 p.m. Advertised: 14 days

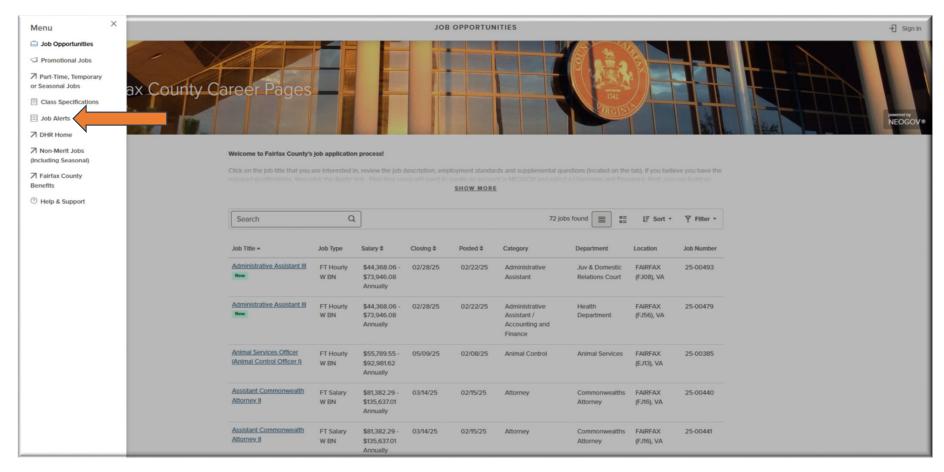


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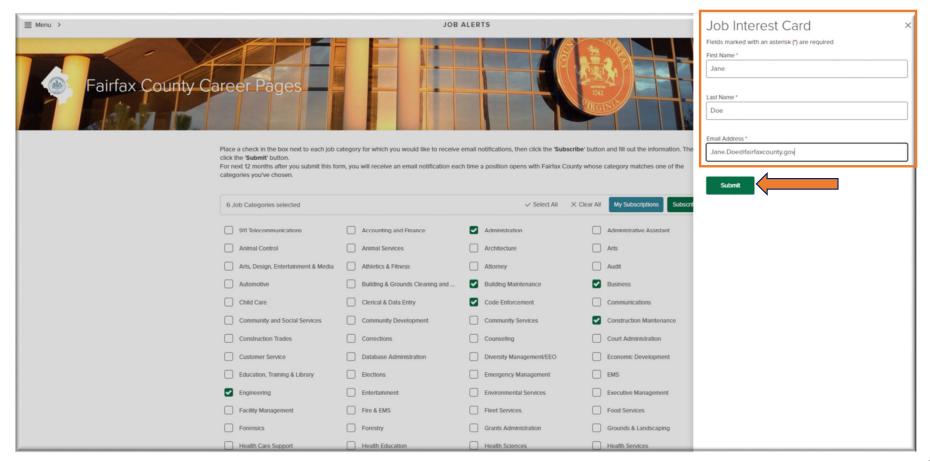


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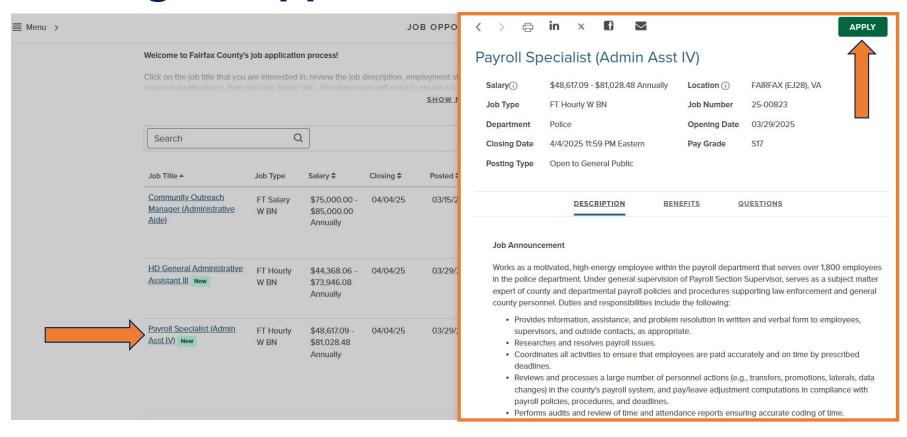


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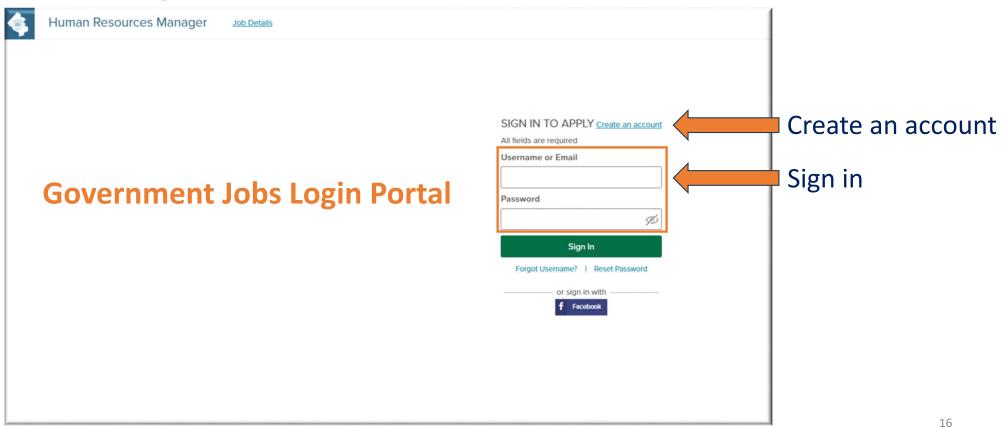


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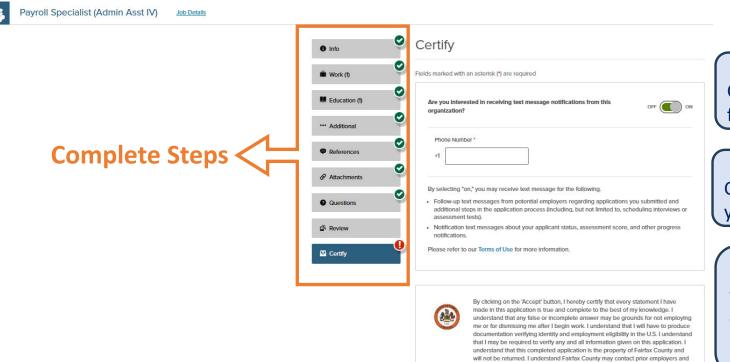
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### Tip!

Candidates can upload a resume from a computer or desktop.

### **Pro Tip!**

Copy and paste the content from your resume into the application.

### **IMPORTANT!**

The <u>application</u> is the primary tool used to evaluate an applicant's job qualifications.

cline Accept & Submit

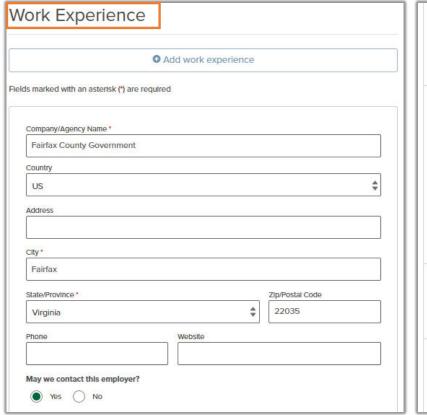
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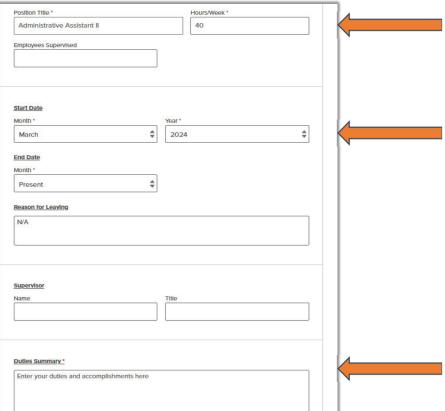
any changes in my name, address, or phone number.

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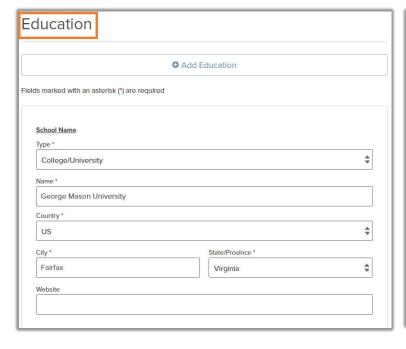


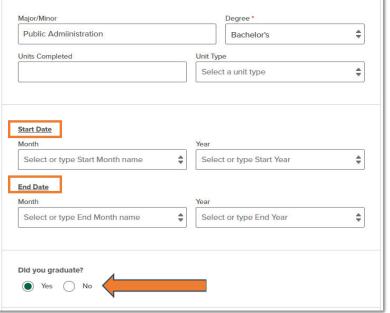
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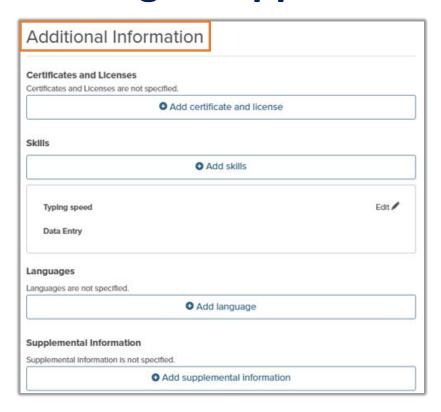
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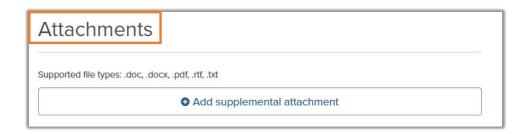


If a Start Date and/or End Date are provided, indicate whether you graduated.

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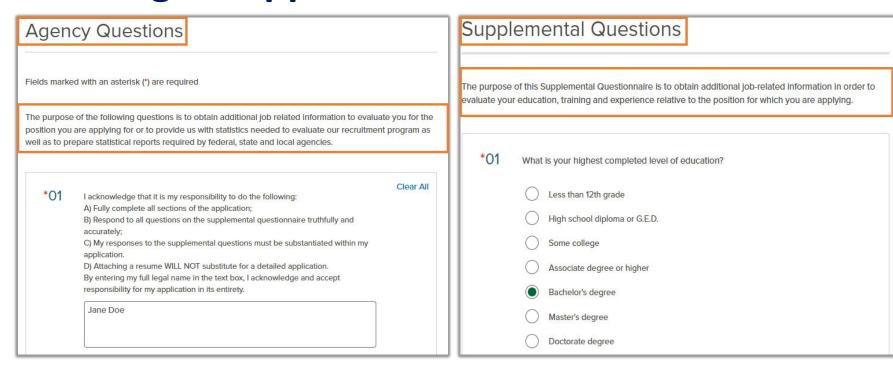
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Attachments (e.g., resume, cover letter, copy of licenses or certifications) are **optional** and serve as supplemental information only. They are <u>not</u> reviewed during the screening process.

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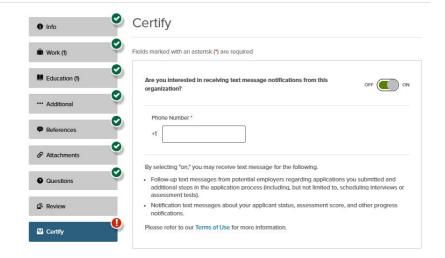


# **Creating an Applicant Profile**



Payroll Specialist (Admin Asst IV)

Details



Applicants will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of their application submission.



By clicking on the 'Accept' button, I hereby certify that every statement I have made in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or incomplete answer may be grounds for not employing me or for dismissing me after I begin work. I understand that I will have to produce documentation verifying identity and employment eligibility in the U.S. I understand that I may be required to verify any and all information given on this application. I understand that this completed application is the property of Fairfax County and will not be returned. I understand Fairfax County may contact prior employers and other references. I understand that I must notify the Human Resources Division of any changes in my name, address, or phone number.

Decline Accept & Submit

Certify your application by clicking the "Accept & Submit" button

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# **More Application Tips**



### Fairfax County Payroll Specialist (Admin Asst IV)

**SALARY** \$23.37 - \$38.96 Hourly

\$1,869.89 - \$3,116.48 Biweekly \$48,617.09 - \$81,028.48 Annually

JOB TYPE FT Hourly W BN

JOB NUMBER

LOCATION

PAY GRADE

FAIRFAX (EJ28), VA

DEPARTMENT

OPENING DATE

CLOSING DATE

4/4/2025 11:59 PM Eastern

POSTING TYPE

Open to General Public

#### Job Announcement

Works as a motivated, high-energy employee within the payroll department that serves over 1,800 employees in the police department. Under general supervision of Payroll Section Supervisor, serves as a subject matter expert of county and departmental payroll policies and procedures supporting law enforcement and general county personnel. Duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Provides information, assistance, and problem resolution in written and verbal form to employees, supervisors, and outside contacts, as appropriate.
- · Researches and resolves payroll issues.
- · Coordinates all activities to ensure that employees are paid accurately and on time by prescribed deadlines.
- Reviews and processes a large number of personnel actions (e.g., transfers, promotions, laterals, data changes) in the county's payroll system, and pay/leave adjustment computations in compliance with payroll policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- · Performs audits and review of time and attendance reports ensuring accurate coding of time.
- Assists with the training for the on-line time and attendance.
- Completes payroll transactions for retro-active pay adjustments.
- . Creates and maintains reports using FOCUS, Teletaff, PEAQ, Microsoft Word and Excel.
- · Completes time and attendance processing of military deployments.
- Maintains current knowledge of county and the Police department's policies and procedures.
- Performs audits and review of time and attendance reports ensuring accurate coding of time.
- Prepares direct payments for clothing allowances, educational stipends etc. by downloading data from FOCUS system in a timely manner.
- Prepares and reconciles operational overtime billing transactions with internal and external agencies for the department.
- . Uses independent judgement to solve routine problems and refers significant problems to payroll supervisor.
- Perform other duties as assigned

The assigned functional areas of this position are General Administrative and Payroll.

#### **Employment Standards**

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Any combination of education, experience and training equivalent to high school graduation and three years of experience providing administrative support in the assigned functional area(s).

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- . Knowledgeable with Payroll/ Human Resources policies and procedures for governmental public safety agencies.
- · Payroll processing experience.
- · Experience working with HRM or HCM systems.
- · Proficiency with Microsoft Office Outlook, Word, and Excel.
- · Good verbal and written communication skills.
- · Strong interpersonal skills and great customer service.
- · Excellent attention to detail.
- · Strong planning skills.

#### NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

The appointee to this position will be required to complete a criminal background check and credit check to the satisfaction of the employer.

#### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Employment contingent on completion of background investigation and employee is subject to random drug testing. Work requires the ability to operate keyboard-driven equipment, sit for long periods, and bending and stooping for extended periods of time for filing. All duties may be performed with or without reasonable accommodations.

#### SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Panel interview and may include exercise.

The population of Fairfax County is very diverse where 38.7% of residents speak a language other than English at home (Spanish, Asian/Pacific Islander, Indo-European, and others) and we encourage candidates bilingual in English and a foreign language to apply to this opportunity.

Fairfax County Government prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetics, political affiliation, or military status in the recruitment, selection, and hiring of its workforce.

Reasonable accommodations are available to persons with disabilities during application and/or interview processes per the Americans with Disabilities Act. TTY 703-222-7314. EEO/AA/TTY.

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# **Review Supplemental Questions**

Payroll Specialist (Admin Asst IV) Supplemental Questionnaire	*QUESTION 3
	How many years of full-time equivalent experience do you have providing administrative support in the functional areas
	of general administrative, and payroll?
*QUESTION 1	○ None
What is your highest completed level of education?  Less than 12th grade	C Less than one year
High school diploma or G.E.D.	One to less than two years
Some college	Two to less than three years
Associate degree or higher	Three to less than four years
Bachelor's degree	Four to less than five years
Master's degree	Five to less than six years
O Doctorate degree	Six to less than seven years
*QUESTION 2	Seven to less than eight years
If you answered "Some college" for the highest level of education completed, please indicate the number of quarter or	C Eight or more years
semester hours you have completed towards a degree.	Light of more years
Less than 45 quarter hours	*QUESTION 4
45 to less than 90 quarter hours	How many years of full-time equivalent experience do you have working in a bi-weekly payroll environment?
90 to less than 135 quarter hours	○ None
135 to less than 180 quarter hours	C Less than one year
180 or more quarter hours	
Less than 30 semester hours	One to less than two years
30 to less than 60 semester hours	Two to less than three years
60 to less than 90 semester hours	Three to less than four years
90 to less than 120 semester hours	Four to less than five years
120 or more semester hours	Five or more years
O Not applicable	C Five of filote years

# **Review Supplemental Questions**

*QUESTION 5	*GUESTION 7
How many years of full-time equivalent experience do you have working with an SAP financial system?	How many years of full-time equivalent experience do you have working with HRM or HCM systems?
O None	None
Cless than one year	Cless than one year
One to less than two years	One to less than two years
Two to less than three years	Two to less than three years
Three to less than four years	Three to less than four years
Four to less than five years	Four to less than five years
Five or more years	Five or more years
QUESTION 6	*QUESTION 8
	How many years of full-time equivalent payroll and/or human resources experience do you have working in a
How many years of full-time equivalent experience do you have processing payroll for shift employees?	How many years of full-time equivalent payroll and/or human resources experience do you have working in a government and/or public safety agency?
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Advanced (Extensive knowledge of increasing productivity and improving efficiency by streamlining workflow; collaborating with others using workbooks; auditing worksheets; analyzing data; working with multiple workbooks;

importing and exporting data, using Excel with the web)

No experience

*QUESTION 9	*QUESTION 11
Please indicate your level of proficiency with Microsoft Word.  Beginner (Basic knowledge of creating, editing, formatting, and saving simple documents; inserting simple tables; and proofreading documents for accuracy)  Intermediate (Knowledge of common commands such as creating a title; using, modifying, and creating styles; setting up the ruler; indenting paragraphs, using tabs and tables; inserting captions, footnotes, endnotes, special characters, or hard page breaks; using page numbering; creating headers and footers; inserting graphics; inserting an equation, adding comments and tracking changes.)  Advanced (Extensive knowledge of almost all function of program including mail merge, macros, creating a table of contents, creating bookmarks and cross-referencing.)	Please indicate your level of proficiency with Microsoft Outlook.  Beginner (Basic knowledge of identifying the components of the Outlook environment; composing email message sending and receiving email messages; organizing email messages into folders; managing contacts; scheduling appointments; scheduling meetings, managing tasks, notes and journal entries)  Intermediate (Knowledge of customizing message settings; organizing and locating Outlook messages; setting calendar options; tracking activities using the Journal; assigning and tracking tasks; sharing folder information; customize the Outlook environment)  Advanced (Extensive knowledge of almost all functions of program including personalizing your email; organizing Outlook items; managing data files; managing contacts and contact information; saving and archiving email; creating a custom Outlook form; working offline and remotely)  No experience
*QUESTION 10	*Required Question
Please indicate your level of proficiency with Microsoft Excel.  Beginner (Basic knowledge of creating a worksheet; performing calculations in a worksheet; modifying and formatting a worksheet; printing workbook contents)  Intermediate (Knowledge of inserting and modifying graphic objects in a worksheet; customizing and enhancing workbooks; analyzing data using Pivot Tables, Slicers, and Pivot Charts)	

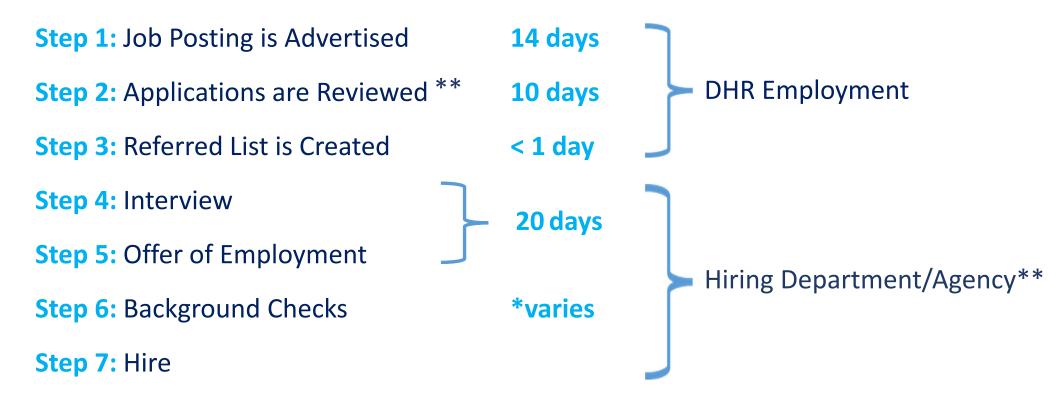
Respond to Supplemental Questions truthfully <u>and</u> match your answers to your application.

# **More Application Tips**

- ✓ Use the job announcement and supplemental questions as your roadmap.
- ✓ Must meet minimum qualifications
- ✓ Preferred qualifications is a "wish list"
- ✓ Be specific and provide details in your Work Experience/Duties Summary section
- ✓ Respond to supplemental questions truthfully <u>and</u> match your answers to your application
- ✓ Do not use acronyms
- ✓ Include relevant volunteer (or non-paid) experience
- ✓ Double check spelling, grammar, & punctuation
- ✓ Fully complete your applicant profile
- ✓ Tailor your profile One application profile does not fit all!

# **Hiring Process Overview**

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# **Fairfax County Interviewing Process**

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- Hiring department/agency will reach out directly (phone or email)
- Panel Interview
- Structured Format
  - Set of pre-developed interview questions
  - May include an exercise
  - Set time allotted
  - Candidates are rated
- Offer of employment extended to candidate with the highest score

# **Summary**

- Set up Job Alerts
- Submit your online application as soon as possible, well before the closing date
- Compare and match the job announcement to your resume/experience
- Answer supplemental questions according to your experience
- Make sure your answers to the supplemental questions are detailed in and match your application
- Do not shortchange yourself include relevant volunteer (or non-paid) experience
- Tailor your application profile

We hope to see you on Team Fairfax!

# **THANK YOU!**



### **Applicant Inquiries**

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