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Education and past employment records	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Unusual	Standard	Unusual	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Unusual	Standard	Standard	Unusual	Standard	Standard	Education and past employment records	
Criminal records	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Standard	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Criminal records
Credit/financial checks	Prohibited	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Prohibited	Prohibited	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Standard	Unusual	Credit/financial checks
Health checks/medical screening	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Standard	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Health checks/medical screening
Social media/internet search	Standard	Standard	Standard	Unusual	Unusual	Standard	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Standard	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Standard	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Social media/internet search
Fingerprinting	Unusual	Prohibited	Prohibited	Unusual	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Fingerprinting
Handwriting	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Handwriting
Union membership	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Union membership
Political views	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited	Political views
Drug and alcohol testing	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Standard	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Prohibited	Unusual	Unusual	Unusual	Drug and alcohol testing

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