



**CONFIDENTIAL
FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE**

OGE JOB AID



A TOOL FOR ETHICS OFFICIALS


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Determining Which Positions Should File A Confidential Financial Disclosure Report: A Worksheet



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I. Pay		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Is the employee's position classified at or below the GS-15 level?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If the employee is not paid on the GS scale, is the employee's rate of basic pay less than 120% of the minimum rate of basic pay for the GS-15 level?</p> <p>For 2009, this means that the employee's rate of basic pay is less than \$117,787.20. Basic pay does not include locality payments, bonuses, etc. For reemployed annuitants, the rate of basic pay is the employee's basic pay before any salary offset is applied.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Go to question 2.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Your agency's Ethics Office will determine if this employee must file a public financial disclosure form.</p>
II. Type of Work Done By the Employee		
<p>2. Does the employee's work involve at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> contracting or procurements above \$2,500; <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Example: A GS-7 Office Automation Clerk is issued a purchase card to buy office supplies for her work unit as needed. Such an employee is generally excluded from filing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> administering, awarding, monitoring, or making determinations regarding grants, subsidies, licenses, or other federal benefits; <input type="checkbox"/> regulating, auditing, or inspecting non-federal entities*; <input type="checkbox"/> performing other activities, when those activities will have a direct and substantial effect on the financial interests of non-federal entities. <p>*<i>Non-federal entities</i> include, for example, businesses, non-profit organizations, and state and local governments.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Go to question 4.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Go to question 3.</p>
<p>3. Is the employee serving in any other position where there is a potential for conflict of interest, appearance of favoritism or loss of impartiality?</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> investigating or prosecuting violations of criminal or civil law; <input type="checkbox"/> representing the United States in litigation or other proceedings; <input type="checkbox"/> scientific or social science research, when the research will have a direct and substantial effect on the financial interests of non-federal entities. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Go to question 4.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>If you said "no" to questions 2 <u>and</u> 3, the employee does not need to file.</p>

<p>4. Does the employee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> only provide information?</p> <p>Example: A GS-13 librarian for the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) shows PTO staff members how to research the uniqueness of an invention and design complex search queries of the agency's electronic databases. The librarian does not make decisions on the patentability of the invention.</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> only work on administrative or peripheral matters?</p> <p>Example: A draftsman prepares the drawings to be used by an agency in soliciting bids for construction work on a bridge. He is not involved in the contracting process associated with the construction.</p> <p>Example: An agency has just hired a GS-5 Procurement Assistant who is responsible for typing and processing procurement documents, answering status inquiries from the public, performing office support duties such as filing and copying, and maintaining an online contract database. The Assistant has no actual contracting or procurement responsibilities.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>  <p>The employee does not need to file a confidential financial disclosure report.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Go to question 5.</p>
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III. Employee's Level of Responsibility

<p>5. Does the employee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> engage in the work activity identified in Section II by exercising significant judgment in performing any of the following job functions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> making decisions; <input type="checkbox"/> approving or disapproving; <input type="checkbox"/> making recommendations; <input type="checkbox"/> conducting investigations; <input type="checkbox"/> rendering advice or opinions. <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> actively supervise a subordinate's performance of any of the above-listed job functions?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Go to question 6.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>  <p>The employee does not need to file a confidential financial disclosure report.</p>
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<p>6. Does the employee receive substantial supervisory review?</p> <p>Example: A GS-13 employee at an independent grant making agency conducts the initial agency review of grant applications from nonprofit organizations and advises the Deputy Assistant Chairman for Grants and Awards about the merits of each application. Although the process of reviewing the grant applications entails significant judgment, the employee's analysis and recommendations are reviewed by the Deputy Assistant Chairman, and the Assistant Chairman, before the Chairman decides what grants to award.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>  <p>The employee does not need to file a confidential financial disclosure report.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>  <p>The employee should file a confidential financial disclosure report.</p>
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