# Seasonal employee interview checklist

Use this checklist to ensure a smooth interview and hiring process for your seasonal employees.



# 1 Define the role and responsibilities

Before you begin the interview process, outline the specific roles and responsibilities of the seasonal positions you are looking to fill.

Identify key tasks and responsibilities for each role

Set a clear budget for your seasonal staffing expenses

Clearly define job titles, descriptions, and employment duration

## **2** Prepare interview questions

Crafting relevant and insightful questions is essential for gaining valuable insights into a candidate's qualifications and fit for your business.

Develop a list of open-ended questions for each role

Include situational and behavioral questions

Ask about availability and scheduling flexibility for the holiday season

## 3 Review resumes and applications

Thoroughly examine the resumes and applications of potential candidates to understand their backgrounds and experiences.

Develop specific criteria for resume screening

Check for relevant work experience, skills, and qualifications

## 4 Plan the interview environment

Creating a comfortable and organized interview setting helps candidates feel at ease and allows for a more productive discussion.

Choose a quiet and private location for interviews

Ensure all necessary materials (like resume copies or writing materials) are readily available

## **5** Welcome and introduce

Make a positive first impression by warmly welcoming the candidate and providing an overview of the interview process.

Greet the candidate and introduce yourself and any other interviewers

Explain the structure of the interview and set clear expectations

#### **Conduct the interview**

During the interview, focus on gathering relevant information about the candidate's qualifications, experience, and cultural fit.

Start with an icebreaker to establish rapport

Ask prepared questions and actively listen to the candidate's responses

Take notes for later reference



7 Assess cultural fit

Determine if the candidate aligns with your company's values, work ethic, and team dynamics.

Ask about their work style preferences and team collaboration experiences

Evaluate their enthusiasm for your company's mission and goals

Consider whether they would be a good long-term fit if the position might lead to permanent employment

8 Address candidate questions

Allow candidates to ask questions to gauge their interest and clarify any uncertainties.

Encourage candidates to ask about the role, company culture, and expectations

Provide honest and transparent answers

Inform the candidate of the expected timeline for hiring decisions

9 Evaluate candidates

After all interviews are complete, objectively assess each candidate's strengths, weaknesses, and overall fit.

Review interview notes and feedback from other interviewers

Compare candidates based on their qualifications, cultural fit, and potential contributions

Send polite rejection emails to candidates not selected and provide constructive feedback if applicable and appropriate



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### Make offers and onboard

Extend offers to selected candidates and initiate the onboarding process to set them up for success.

Communicate the offer details, including start date, compensation, and any relevant policies

Provide necessary onboarding materials and training resources

#### Notes