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Revision Responsibility: Executive Director of Human Resources

Responsible Executive Officer: President

Source/Reference: Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986

T.C.A. § 12-4-124

PURPOSE

To define responsibilities and procedures for complying with the United States law concerning employment eligibility verification.

POLICY

I. Compliance

Columbia State will comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which establishes an affirmative duty of all employers to refrain from hiring known unauthorized aliens, and to verify the status of all new employees.

- II. Employment Eligibility Verification Form
 - A. The Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Form I-9, "Employment Eligibility Verification," form will be used in complying with the requirements of the law.

Employment Eligibility Verification Form - I-9

- B. T.C.A. § 12-4-124 provides for contract language and attestation for personal services contracts prohibiting the hiring of, or utilization of, illegal immigrants by the contractor or services of any subcontractor.
- III. Responsibility for Ensuring Completion of INS Form I-9

The following departments are responsible for ensuring the completion of I-9 forms and the employer review and verification section of the forms within timeframe mandated by the provision:



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Employment Category	Responsibility for Compliance	File Location
Full-time and part-time, regular and temporary, faculty, exempt, and non-exempt staff.	Human Resources Office	Human Resources Office
Part-time faculty	Faculty, Curriculum and Programs Office	Faculty, Curriculum and Programs Office
Student workers	Financial Aid Office – Filed in Human Resources Office	Human Resources Office
Non-credit faculty	Economic & Workforce Development Office – Filed in Human Resources Office	Human Resources Office
Personal services contracts with individuals (TCA §12-4-124 Contract attestation required (I-9 does not apply)	Individual initiating the contract	Business Office

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