

## Sponsorship for Work Authorization FAQ

	Sponsorship Not Available	Sponsorship Available
Can we add a statement to the	Yes, the department shall add	A statement is not required to
posting regarding sponsorship?	"Sponsorship for work	be added to a posting when
	authorization is not available for	work authorization sponsorship
	this position" to the posting.	is available. However, a unit
		can choose to specifically state
		sponsorship for work
		authorization is available.
When a candidate answers "no" to		Yes, the additional questions
the question "Are you legally		may include:
authorized to work in the United		
States?" and "yes" to the question		1. What is your current
"Do you or will you require		immigration status?
sponsorship for work authorization to		2. When does that status
work for the University of Illinois?" is		expire?
the hiring unit allowed to ask further		
questions?		
When a candidate answers "yes" to	Yes, the additional questions may include:	
the questions "Are you legally	4 344	
authorized to work in the United	1. What is the basis of your current work authorization?	
States?" and "Do you or will you	2. When does the work authorization expire?	
require sponsorship for work	3. Have you ever been in J-1 st	atus?
authorization to work for the		
University of Illinois?" is the hiring		
unit allowed to ask further questions?	No firmth on according a poor bo policed	
When a candidate answers "yes" to the question "Are you legally	No further questions may be asked about their immigration status. It is likely they are a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.	
authorized to work in the United	is likely they are a 0.5. citizen or a p	ermanent resident.
States?" and "no" to the question "Do		
you or will you require sponsorship		
for work authorization to work for the		
University of Illinois?" is the hiring		
unit allowed to ask further		
questions?		
When a candidate answers "no" to	The applicant likely misunderstood	the questions and additional
the questions "Are you legally	follow-up may be needed.	and questions and additional
authorized to work in the United	Total up may be needed.	
States?" <b>and</b> "Do you or will you		
require sponsorship for work		
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authorization to work for the University of Illinois?"		
If a candidate can only be employed for a minimum time (e.g., OPT, CPT, etc.) and would need sponsorship at some point, does the hiring unit still need to consider the candidate if the position does not allow for sponsorship?	If the candidate meets the eligibility for sponsorship, the hiring unit will need to consider the candidate if they don't need sponsorship at the time of hire.  Work authorization is very fact specific, please contact <a href="Laura Czys">Laura Czys</a> if there are additional questions.	
If a position is not eligible for sponsorship, but a candidate applies that the hiring unit would like to hire but needs sponsorship, can they be hired?	No, the advertisement would state "Sponsorship for work authorization is not available for this position," therefore the candidate would not qualify for the position.	
A hiring unit makes an offer to someone who needs H-1B and ISSS states the minimum qualifications are too broad to be considered as a specialty occupation. Should the unit revise the job description to make the minimum qualifications more specific?	The hiring unit should not make a change to the job description after the position has been posted as this could change the applicant pool. If the hiring unit would like to make a change to the job description, it should be based upon the job and not the person. The search would need to be closed without a hire and a new search posted with the new requirements.	

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