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# 5<sup>^</sup> QUESTIONS

you should ask *yourself*

before applying for a job requiring a  
**Government Clearance**

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## U.S. Citizenship?

Federal Government Security clearances of Public Trust and higher require U.S. Citizenship. You will also be asked if all immediate family members are U.S. Citizens, and if they currently live in the U.S.

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## Foreign Ties?

Have you lived outside of the US for more than 3 of the last 5 years for other than U.S. Government work? Have you ever worked for a foreign government's military? Do you or your family have close or continuing contact with anyone who is not a U.S. Citizen in the last 7 years? Do you own foreign property or have a foreign bank account?

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## Terminations for Misconduct?

Have you been terminated or fired for misconduct or other cause in the last 7 years?

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## Criminal and Financial History?

Have you been arrested or charged for any reason in the last 7 years? Have you ever had a security clearance denied or revoked? Have you filed bankruptcy or had any debts which were over 90 days late in the last 7 years?

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## Substance Abuse and Mental Health?

Have you ever been hospitalized for a mental health condition or been court-ordered to consult with a mental professional? Have you ever received counseling or treatment for an alcohol addiction (even voluntary)? Have you used, manufactured, or sold any illegal drugs (even marijuana) or controlled substances, or misused prescription drugs in the last 7 years?

Answering *YES* or *NO* to any of these questions does not determine whether or not you can obtain a government clearance. However, based on our experience, they may be an indication that your clearance process may be delayed or denied.

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