All Personnel

Reasonable Accommodation

Definitions

Disability, with respect to an individual, is defined as any of the following: (Government Code 12926; 29 CFR 1630.2)

- 1. A physical or mental impairment that limits one or more of the major life activities
- 2. A record of such an impairment
- 3. Being regarded as having such an impairment

Limits shall be determined without regard to mitigating measures such as medications, assistive devices, prosthetics or reasonable accommodations, unless the mitigating measure itself limits a major life activity. (Government Code 12926)

Essential functions are the fundamental job duties of the position the individual with a disability holds or desires. The term does not include the marginal functions of the position. (29 CFR 1630.2)

Reasonable accommodations that an employer may need to provide in connection with modifications to the work environment or adjustments in how and when a job is performed that enable an individual with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities include, but are not limited to: (29 CFR 1630.2)

- 1. Making existing facilities accessible and usable
- 2. Restructuring the job duties
- 3. Offering part-time or modified work schedules
- 4. Acquiring or modifying equipment or devices
- 5. Changing tests, training materials or policies
- 6. Providing qualified readers or interpreters
- 7. Reassigning the employee to a vacant position

Qualified individual with a disability means an individual with a disability who satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of the employment position and who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of such position. (29 CFR 1630.2)

Undue hardship is a determination based on an individualized assessment of current circumstances that shows that a specific reasonable accommodation would cause significant difficulty or expense. A determination of undue hardship should be based on several factors, including: (29 CFR 1630.2)

- 1. The nature and net cost of the accommodation needed, taking into consideration the availability of tax credits and deductions and/or outside funding
- 2. The overall financial resources of the facility making the reasonable accommodation, the number of persons employed at this facility, the effect on expenses and resources of the facility, or the impact on the operations of the facility
- 3. The overall financial resources, size, number of employees, and the number, type and location of facilities of the district
- 4. The type of operation of the district, including the structure and functions of the workforce, the geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the facility involved in making the accommodation
- 5. The impact of the accommodation on the operation of the facility, including the impact on the ability of other employees to perform their duties and the impact on the facility's ability to conduct business.