Employability Skills Checklist

This checklist is designed to help you focus on areas which are important for employment.

Do you or Can you	Yes	No	Not Sure
1. List, in order, the careers that most interest you?			
2. Chose three jobs you might want that match your abilities, interests, education, and experience?			
3. List general education requirements for three career clusters that match your career interests?			
4. List things which influence your lifestyle and how these things affect career choice (e.g. your friends, or neighborhood where you live)?			
5. Describe the physical conditions you would agree to have in a work situation (loud or quiet, outdoors or indoors)?			
6. Describe the work hours you would agree to work (9 to 5, night shift)?			
7. Describe where you prefer to work (in the city, country, suburbs, close to your home, far away)?			
8. Make a decision and then figure out a plan to meet your goals or solve your problems?			
9. Tell how and where to collect information to help you make decisions?			
10. Understand and use the information you have collected?			
11. Review and update your plans regularly?		X	
12. List and describe ways to find out where the job openings are?			
13. Use networking, the Internet, and newspapers to find work or job openings?			
14. Find and use information which will help your predict the job outlook for the job that you are interested in at the local/national level?			
15. Know where and how to find information about getting money for education and training?			
16. Know activities and opportunities that allow you to gain work experiences and skills?			
17. Fill out a job application?			
18. Write a resume?			
19. Describe the steps in applying for a job?			
20. Do you know your Social Security Number and how and when to use it?			
21. Describe how to get a work permit?			
22. Describe the child labor laws regarding work hours and age limitations?			

23. Describe the correct steps to take to apply for vacation?		
24. Describe the correct steps to take when you are too ill to report to work or when you get sick at work?		
25. Describe how bosses expect you to act toward your work or behave on the job?		
26. Describe what you should do when you have a work problem on the job?		
27. Explain how to handle problems with other employees on the job?		
28. Describe why you need to be willing to make changes and to adjust in a work situation?		
29. Tell how your own habits, behaviors, and feelings affect others?		
30. Describe what the safety rules are in a work situation?		
31. Describe what steps to take if there are unsafe working conditions at a job site?		
32. Know about employee rights and discrimination (unfair treatment) in terms of sex, race and age?		
33. Explain what you should do if you feel you have been unfairly treated on the job because of sex, race, and age?		
34. Describe how to file a complaint in specific work situations?		
35. Read and understand a pay statement or pay stub?		
36. Describe types of extra benefits you want in a job (e.g. retirement, insurance, or vacation)?		
37. Describe a job ladder for your career that shows steps or levels for moving up in the company (e.g. stock boy to sales clerk)?		
38. Write a plan for getting any education, training, or experience you need for a specific job?		
39. Find one job to enter as a first step in your career?		
40. Describe how you should act during a job interview?		
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42. Respond appropriately to questions during a job interview?		
43. List questions that would be proper to ask during a job interview?		
44. Tell what is the federal minimum wage and any exceptions to earning the minimum wage?		
45. Describe how to file a complaint in a specific work situation?		
46. Give reasons employers promote employees and give them raises (e.g. seniority or number of years with the company)?		
47. Explain how to ask for a raise in pay in a specific work situation?		
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48. Describe how businesses regularly evaluate (grade) employees in a		
specific work situation?		
49. Describe what types of additional education, training, and experience are needed for growth in a specific work situation?		
50. Describe how to avoid being unhappy with your job (work alienation)?		
51. Identify reasons why people want to or are forced to change jobs?		