## HIRING

The purpose of this policy is to outline the processes [Organization Name] will follow to ensure our hiring practices are fair, consistent, equitable and in line with all applicable legislation such as the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, and the *Employment Standards Act*.

POLICY

[Organization Name] is committed to the principles of equality and diversity in the workplace. We aim to hire the best candidate for the position based on their qualifications and merit in terms of knowledge, skills, and experience. [Organization Name] will not discriminate against job applicants on any of the grounds protected by human rights legislation during any phases of the recruitment, screening and hiring process.

We welcome applications from persons with disabilities and will provide accommodations during all stages of the hiring process, upon request. This statement will be added to any job postings and all applicants will be reminded of this policy: 1) when they are invited to an interview, and 2) within any job offer provided. All hiring managers of [Organization Name] will treat all job applicants with dignity and respect.

At no time during the interview process will any questions be asked that touch on any prohibited areas outlined in the *Human Rights Code (s*uch as age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed, disability, sex/pregnancy, family status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and record of offences).

Reference checks must be completed for any candidate that is considered for hiring prior to making an offer of employment, to validate credentials and the accuracy of information provided by the candidate during the recruitment and screening process.

Any offer of employment will outline the terms and conditions of employment, including any further steps that the applicant must agree to complete to be eligible for employment (example: successful police records check).

Offers of employment will contain a probationary period of at least three months, so that both the employer and employee can trial the fit between the employee and the position, without any negative consequences.

Once the offer of employment is signed by the employee and any additional agreed terms have been met, the new employee may begin work at the agreed upon date. New employees will receive orientation and training about key policies and safety issues that pertain to their position or that are required by law.

[Organization Name] will ensure any personal information collected during any stage of the recruitment and hiring process is retained in an appropriate manner and remains confidential.