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PER-59 (10-2008)

**KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
 BACKGROUND CHECK REQUEST FORM**

**DISCLOSURE TO EMPLOYMENT APPLICANT REGARDING  
 PROCUREMENT OF A CONSUMER REPORT**

In connection with your application for employment, we may procure a Background Investigation Report and/or Background Report on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee. In the event that information from the report is utilized in whole or in part in making an adverse decision with regard to your potential employment, before making the adverse decision, we will provide you with a copy of the consumer report and a description in writing of your rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act gives you specific rights in dealing with consumer reporting agencies. You will be given a summary of these rights together with this document.

By your signature below, you hereby authorize us to obtain a consumer report and/or an investigative report about you in order to consider you for employment, and you release us from liability for obtaining such reports. The information requested below is being used strictly for pre-employment background screening purposes in order to obtain accurate results. The consumer report may include, but not be limited to, criminal history, verifications of employment and education, and driving records. A credit report detailing personal financial history will only be obtained for permissible purposes in consideration of jobs meeting specific criteria.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HIRING DEPARTMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hiring Department/College \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License Check required for this position.  
 (Requires prior authorization)

\_\_\_\_\_ Position Title \_\_\_\_\_ Position # \_\_\_\_\_ Classified or \_\_\_\_\_ Unclassified  
 (Check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Department Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT: (Please print)**

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Country/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*The EEOC states for the purpose of pre-employment inquiries, under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Section 1625.5, "A request on the part of an employer for information such as "Date of Birth" or "State Age" on an employment application form is not, in itself, a violation of the Act."*

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For authorized positions only)

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO ALL APPLICANTS:**

*The information requested above is used to assist in the completion of a background investigation. The information will be maintained in a limited access file, detached from your application. The information will be used for the sole purpose of identification when conducting a background investigation.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have received a copy of my Summary of Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and Remedying the Effects of Identity Theft.**

**Applicant: Return a copy of this page only to the Hiring Department.**

**Hiring Department: Send this form to the Background Check Manager, Division of Human Resources, 103 Edwards Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506 or by fax to (785) 532-6095**

## Instructions for completing the PER-59:

- 1) The hiring department makes an offer of employment contingent on the final candidate successfully completing the background check.
- 2) The final candidate (applicant) completes their portion of the PER-59.
  - Applicant's Full Name
  - Applicant's Address
  - City/State/Country/Zip
  - Signature of Applicant
  - Social Security Number
  - Date of Birth
  - Driver's License Number (complete **ONLY** for those positions previously authorized by HR)
  - Email address
- 3) The applicant checks whether they have received a copy of their "Summary of Rights Under the FCRA" and "Remedying the Effects of Identity Theft." (**Applicants must keep the attachments.**)
- 4) The hiring department completes their portion of the PER-59.
  - Hiring Department/College
  - Driver's License Check required for this position (check **ONLY** if previously authorized by HR)
  - Position Title
  - Position Number
  - Classified or Unclassified (**If graduate appointment, do not check either box**)
  - Department Contact Person
  - Phone Number of contact person
  - Email address of contact person
- 5) Make a copy of the PER-59 **only** (**Applicant keeps the original and the attached documents.**)
- 6) The department faxes or sends a copy of the PER-59 to the Background Check Manager (BCM) (Fax #532-6095 or Division of Human Resources, 103 Edwards Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506)
- 7) The BCM requests a background check be performed on the final candidate through Validity Screening Solutions on their secure website.
- 8) If the background check is CLEAR on the final candidate, the hiring department will receive an email from the BCM indicating the final candidate is approved for hire and the hiring department may proceed with the hiring process.

**\*\*\*PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE EMAIL MESSAGE TO THE APPOINTMENT PAPERS SUBMITTED TO HR FOR THIS NEW HIRE.\*\*\***

(If the candidate is being considered for an unclassified position, Clyde Howard in the Office of Affirmative Action will be copied on this email sent by the BCM.)

Please refer to the Criminal Background Check Policy and Procedures for further information.

*Para informacion en espanol, visite [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) o escribe a la FTC Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.*

### **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
  
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.In addition, by September 2005 all consumers will be entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for additional information.
  
- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
  
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for an explanation of dispute procedures.
  
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.

- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).
- **You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).

**States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. Federal enforcers are:**

<b>TYPE OF BUSINESS:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>
Consumer reporting agencies, creditors and others not listed below	Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center - FCRA Washington, DC 20580 1-877-382-4357
National banks, federal branches/agencies of foreign banks (word "National" or initials "N.A." appear in or after bank's name)	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Compliance Management, Mail Stop 6-6 Washington, DC 20219 800-613-6743
Federal Reserve System member banks (except national banks, and federal branches/agencies of foreign banks)	Federal Reserve Board Division of Consumer & Community Affairs Washington, DC 20551 202-452-3693
Savings associations and federally chartered savings banks (word "Federal" or initials "F.S.B." appear in federal institution's name)	Office of Thrift Supervision Consumer Complaints Washington, DC 20552 800-842-6929
Federal credit unions (words "Federal Credit Union" appear in institution's name)	National Credit Union Administration 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-519-4600
State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Consumer Response Center, 2345 Grand Avenue, Suite 100 Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2638 1-877-275-3342
Air, surface, or rail common carriers regulated by former Civil Aeronautics Board or Interstate Commerce Commission	Department of Transportation , Office of Financial Management Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1306
Activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Department of Agriculture Office of Deputy Administrator - GIPSA Washington, DC 20250 202-720-7051

Para información en español, visite [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) o escribe a la FTC, Consumer Response Center, Room 130-B, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C., 20580.

## Remedying the Effects of Identity Theft

You are receiving this information because you have notified a consumer reporting agency that you believe that you are a victim of identity theft. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your name, Social Security number, date of birth, or other identifying information, without authority, to commit fraud. For example, someone may have committed identity theft by using your personal information to open a credit card account or get a loan in your name. For more information, visit [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) or write to: FTC, Consumer Response Center, Room 130-B, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C., 20580.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) gives you specific rights when you are, or believe that you are, the victim of identity theft. Here is a brief summary of the rights designed to help you recover from identity theft.

**1. You have the right to ask that nationwide consumer reporting agencies place “fraud alerts” in your file** to let potential creditors and others know that you may be a victim of identity theft. A fraud alert can make it more difficult for someone to get credit in your name because it tells creditors to follow certain procedures to protect you. It also may delay your ability to obtain credit. You may place a fraud alert in your file by calling just one of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. As soon as that agency processes your fraud alert, it will notify the other two, which then also must place fraud alerts in your file.

\* Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

\* Experian: 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742); [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

\* TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289; [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

An initial fraud alert stays in your file for at least 90 days. An extended alert stays in your file for seven years. To place either of these alerts, a consumer reporting agency will require you to provide appropriate proof of your identity, which may include your Social Security number. If you ask for an extended alert, you will have to provide an *identity theft report*. An *identity theft report* includes a copy of a report you have filed with a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, and additional information a consumer reporting agency may require you to submit. For more detailed information about the *identity theft report*, visit [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

**2. You have the right to free copies of the information in your file (your “file disclosure”).** An initial fraud alert entitles you to a copy of all the information in your file at each of the three nationwide agencies, and an extended alert entitles you to two free file disclosures in a 12-month period following the placing of the alert. These additional disclosures may help you detect signs of fraud, for example, whether fraudulent accounts have been opened in your name or whether someone has reported a change in your address. Once a year, you also have the right to a free copy of the information in your file

at any consumer reporting agency, if you believe it has inaccurate information due to fraud, such as identity theft. You also have the ability to obtain additional free file disclosures under other provisions of the FCRA. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).

**3. You have the right to obtain documents relating to fraudulent transactions made or accounts opened using your personal information.** A creditor or other business must give you copies of applications and other business records relating to transactions and accounts that resulted from the theft of your identity, if you ask for them in writing. A business may ask you for proof of your identity, a police report, and an affidavit before giving you the documents. It also may specify an address for you to send your request. Under certain circumstances, a business can refuse to provide you with these documents. See [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

**4. You have the right to obtain information from a debt collector.** If you ask, a debt collector must provide you with certain information about the debt you believe was incurred in your name by an identity thief – like the name of the creditor and the amount of the debt.

**5. If you believe information in your file results from identity theft, you have the right to ask that a consumer reporting agency block that information from your file.** An identity thief may run up bills in your name and not pay them. Information about the unpaid bills may appear on your consumer report. Should you decide to ask a consumer reporting agency to block the reporting of this information, you must identify the information to block, and provide the consumer reporting agency with proof of your identity and a copy of your *identity theft report*. The consumer reporting agency can refuse or cancel your request for a block if, for example, you don't provide the necessary documentation, or where the block results from an error or a material misrepresentation of fact made by you. If the agency declines or rescinds the block, it must notify you. Once a debt resulting from identity theft has been blocked, a person or business with notice of the block may not sell, transfer, or place the debt for collection.

**6. You also may prevent businesses from reporting information about you to consumer reporting agencies if you believe the information is a result of identity theft.** To do so, you must send your request to the address specified by the business that reports the information to the consumer reporting agency. The business will expect you to identify what information you do not want reported and to provide an *identity theft report*.

To learn more about identity theft and how to deal with its consequences, visit [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft), or write to the FTC. You may have additional rights under state law. For more information, contact your local consumer protection agency or your state attorney general.

In addition to the new rights and procedures to help consumers deal with the effects of identity theft, the FCRA has many other important consumer protections. They are described in more detail at [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).