

Are your policies and practices legally compliant?

Smart HR Executives Don't Assume... They Audit

Don't wait for agency watchdogs and disgruntled employees to discover your policy flaws. Audit your practices, uncover potentially illegal procedures, and correct workplace rules and regulations—NOW.

Fully up to date with the most potentially dangerous HR policy pitfalls:

- HR Administration—posters, notices, handbooks, recordkeeping, HRIS, and more
- Hiring and Recruiting—background checks, immigration, interviewing, etc.
- Compensation—payroll, FLSA compliance, job descriptions, exempt workers, and more
- Benefits—healthcare benefits, COBRA, workers' compensation, and retirement
- Leave of Absence—FMLA, sick and personal leave, vacations, and military leave
- Performance and Training—appraisals, reviews, raise policies, training procedures, and more
- Discipline and Discharge—don't risk discrimination and harassment claims
- Workplace Technology—electronic monitoring and privacy
- Health and Safety—OSHA, drug and alcohol testing, and workplace violence prevention
- Unions and Emerging Issues in HR—nontraditional work arrangements, social media, and employee wellness
- And so much more!



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Confirm with Confidence!

An employment practices self-audit is a liability-focused analysis of your organization's Human Resources functions. Armed with the results, you can assess your organization's compliance with federal and state regulations, all before a costly lawsuit or penalty reveals problems. Self-audits are a regular business practice at the best-managed companies nationwide. Why? Because they keep HR in control and out in front of any emerging situation.

Now, you can execute a methodical, thorough, and revealing examination of every HR function when you add **HR Audit Checklists** to your permanent reference library. This valuable tool contains everything you need to review even the most obscure functions, taking the guesswork, assumptions, and errors out of the process.

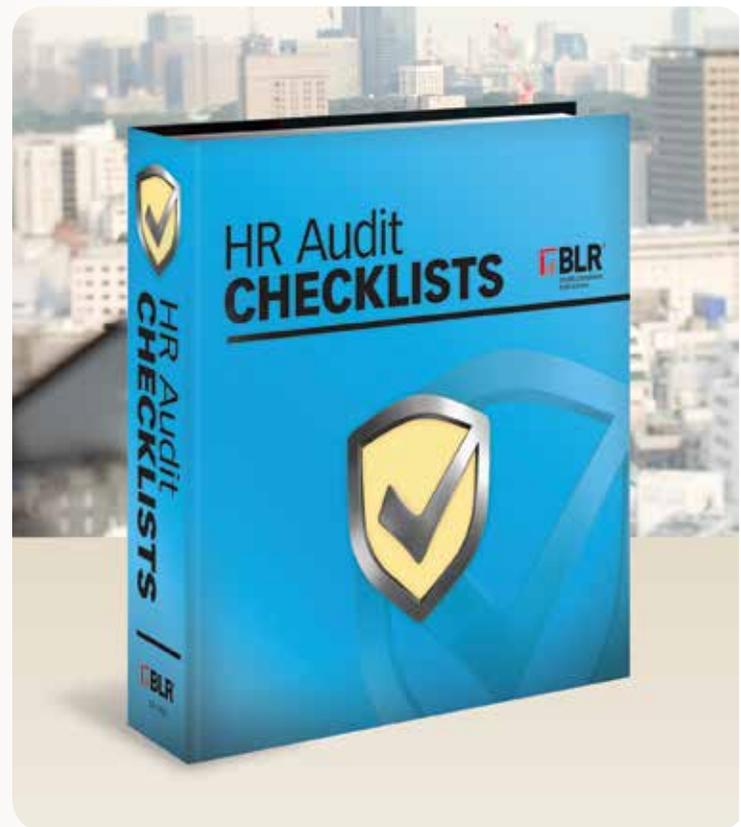
How It Works

HR Audit Checklists walks you through your HR policies step-by-step, helping you ask the right questions about how your organization executes core employee management tasks. No conflict? No problem. But if your current procedures contradict the advice provided, you've just red-flagged a potential trouble spot in time to correct it. The **Checklist** tells you exactly what to do.

- Is everyone on your payroll properly classified as exempt or nonexempt?
- Are you illegally restricting off-duty employee activity?
- Are your noncompete agreements worth the paper they're printed on?
- Would your leave policies withstand an assault by an aggressive plaintiff's attorney?
- Is your employment application a lawsuit waiting to happen?
- Will your monitoring of employee communications hold up to a jury's scrutiny?

Don't Assume

Audit your employment practices top to bottom with **HR Audit Checklists** and target vulnerable policy areas for corrective action. Don't assume you're operating in complete compliance.



HR Audit Checklists is perfect for uncovering and correcting potential problems with:

- Employee handbooks
- Written policies
- Job descriptions
- Personnel files
- Recordkeeping practices
- Hiring procedures
- Employee communications
- And much more!

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