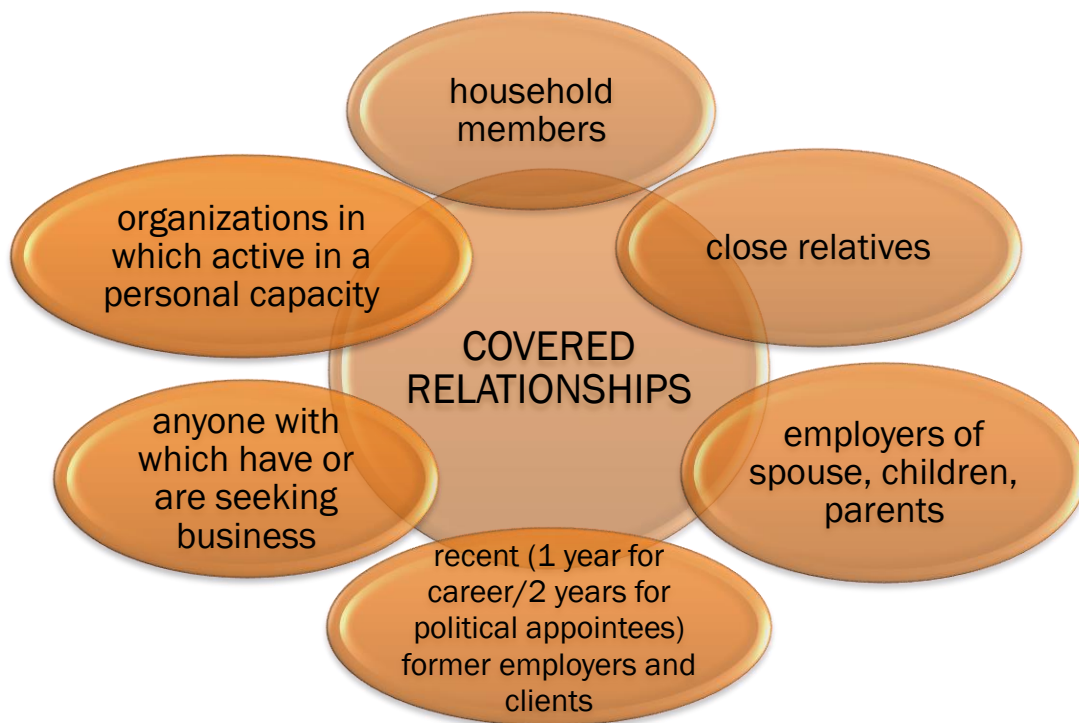




APPEARANCES OF BIAS BASED ON PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

DISQUALIFICATIONS BASED ON PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Disqualification is required regarding a matter in which one of the parties is (or is represented by) someone with whom an employee has a covered relationship (unless special authorization is given based on the needs of the agency).



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