

Ready Reference H-4 Job Offer: Making the Decision

Use the matrix below as a decision making tool when comparing multiple job offers. You may find it helpful to first prioritize the importance of the items listed on the back side of this worksheet.

Job Offer Comparison

In the "My Needs" column, weigh the criteria on a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = least important, 10 = most important) to determine your value for each factor. Next, on a scale from 1 to 10, weigh how well each company satisfies each of the criteria. Finally, total the columns. The higher the score, the closer the company comes to matching your needs.

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Criteria	My Needs	Company "A	Company "B"	Company "C"
Career & Professional Factors		1	r	
Accountability/Adequacy of Staff				
Title				
Promotion/Personal Growth Potential				
Decision Making Authority				
Type of Work/Use of Talents & Skills				
Other				
Company Factors		-	-	
Size of Company				
Company/Industry History				
People Who Work There				
Characteristics/Values				
Management Style				
Other				
Personal Factors				
Compensation Base				
Bonus/Stock Options				
Benefits (Pension, Insurance, Vacation)				
Perks				
Geographic Location				
Travel Requirements				
Commuting Requirements				
Special Expenses (Relocation, Commuting)				
Other		_		
Total Scores				

Items to Consider and/or Negotiate

Mark A, B, or C next to relevant items to indicate your negotiating priorities (A = highest, C = lowest)

COMPENSATIONBase SalaryBonusIncentive BonusMoney in lieu of benefits	RELOCATION COSTS —House Hunting Trips —Apartment/House Location Assistance Moving Costs (Direct or Percentage) Travel Costs
BENEFITSInsurance Programs Medical Dental Vision Life Long-Term Disability Financial Programs	Temporary HousingGetting Settled ExpensesHigher Cost of Living SubsidyUnusual Expenses (ex: Moving a boat or horse)Realty Fees, Legal, Closing CostsHigher Mortgage Cost AllowanceBridge LoanLow-interest Loan
 ✓ Stock Options ✓ Company Paid Pension ✓ Immediate Vesting of Pension ✓ Matching Investment/Profit Sharing ✓ Long-Term Disability Thrift Plan ✓ Other Educational Programs	EMPLOYEE SERVICESEmployee Assistance ProgramAnnual Physical ExamLegal, Tax, Financial AssistanceLoansDiscount on PurchasesComputer Equipment
 ✓ Tuition Reimbursement ✓ Leadership/Management Development ✓ Education/Training Expenses ✓ Professional Association Membership ✓ Subscriptions Personal Days	STATUS & LIFE STYLE PERKS Club Memberships Country Club Health Club Airline VIP Frequent Flyer Use of Company Apartment Premium Hotel Accommodations
Vacation Holidays	Executive Dining RoomSpouse's Travel ExpensesCompany Tickets to Sporting Events, etcSabbatical, Military, Maternity, etc
PERKSExpense AccountCompany CarCommuting AllowanceParking Reimbursement	Leave (paid)Larger, Better OfficePrivate SecretaryReserved Parking