

Elements of FBI Suitability Background Investigations

All Clearance Levels	Clearance Levels 1 and 2 Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verification of birth and citizenship records• Verification of education<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 1 and 2 personal check at each school• Level 3 and 4 telephone or letter checks• Verification of advanced degrees with Board of Examiners (e.g., Bar Association)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 1 and 2 personal check• Level 3 and 4 written inquiry• Arrest checks for every lived-in location• Criminal database name check of all listed relatives• Personal interviews with neighbors (last 5 years)• Personal interviews with 3 listed references	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal verification of employment<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 1: back to age 18• Level 2: back 15 years (or to age 18, whichever comes first)• At least one supervisor and two co-workers for each employer• Personnel folder check• IG and Security offices for former government employees or holders of prior clearances• Foreign Agent Registry check<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depends on background of individual• SEC, FDIC, FRB, Comptroller of the Treasury checks<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depends on background of individual

Anticipated personal interviews

- Level 1: 25-35 interviews (back to age 18)
- Level 2: 15-25 interviews (back 15 years or to age 18, whichever comes first)
- Level 3: 10-15 interviews (back 10 years)
- Level 4: 0 interviews (back 5 years)



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