



ANSWERS TO ETHICS QUIZ FOR U.S. COMMERCIAL SERVICE LOCALLY ENGAGED STAFF

key: Y = yes N = no ? = it depends * if non-U.S. citizens are present
** with supervisor's approval † with Chief of Mission's approval

1. You can work on an assignment that will affect a company in which situations?

? (a) you own stock in the company – *you can work on the matter if it the stock from a U.S. exchange and worth less than US\$15,000*

Y (b) you worked for the company five years ago

N (c) your father currently works for the company

N (d) you applied for a job with the company

Y (e) your best friend represents the company before your office

2. Which of the following gifts can you accept if offered by someone who has a matter pending before your office?

Y (a) a coffee cup with the company's logo

Y* (b) an invitation to a working dinner with persons from local and U.S. companies

Y(c) an invitation to a reception in your city with industry leaders**

N (d) cash equal to US\$10 for a taxi to get to a meeting at the company's office

N (e) airline tickets to attend a conference at which you will give a talk

3. Which of the following is permitted?

? (a) working as a retail clerk at a local store on weekends – not allowed for a U.S. citizen, allowed for local engaged staff[†]

Y[†] (b) your spouse working at a local store

N (c) contacting the U.S. State Department to help a cousin get a residency permit

? (d) attending a rally for a candidate in a local election – not allowed for a U.S. citizen; allowed for a citizen of the country holding the election

Y (e) asking companies for a donation for 4th of July events at the U.S. Embassy

4. U.S. Government employees can do which of the following?

N (a) give a supervisor an expensive gift to celebrate a birthday

Y (b) accept a birthday gift from a supervisor

N (c) use a U.S. Government computer to send and receive emails for an outside job

N (d) lend money to a subordinate

Y (e) use frequent flier miles earned for U.S. Government travel for a personal trip