

SOURCE	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Employee Referrals	Inexpensive; expeditious; allows for potential of better self-selection by candidate; referrer provides candidate with Realistic Job Preview (RJP)	May be source of “systemic” discrimination; potential referrer discontent problems if candidate is not selected; potential for “halo,” stereotyping and attribution bias
Newspaper and Magazine Advertisements	Reaches a wide audience; potential use of “blind ads”; able to fit newspaper and magazine demographics to target population; targeting can help with diversification initiatives; may help image	Cost; may result in undesirable volume
Job Posting	Convenient; cost efficient; candidates are known to the organization; can be a potential morale booster; “good” human resources management and potentially good for labour/employee relations; may offer promotional opportunities	Normally a very shallow pool of candidates; potential problems if employee is not selected; potential “halo” biases; potential disruptions when candidate leaves existing department
Search Firms/Agencies	Professional handling; creates “distance” if needed; quick; paying for service produces results; saves on staff time; only use when needed	Cost; control; time

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Walk-ins; Call-ins; Write-ins

Cost effective; good for public relations; allows for potential “self-selection” through information distribution

Requires good application and job information management systems; random; potential to miss target groups

School Recruiting /
On Campus

Can be integrated with a graduate program; can build long-term institutional relations; “self-selection” and RJP; pre-screening

Can be costly; may develop unrealistic expectations amongst students that companies cannot deliver on; bias towards one age group

Job Fairs

Highly focused; brings in numerous candidates in a short period of time; allows for information distribution; public relations benefits

Can be costly and time-consuming

Open “House”

Similar benefits to a job fair

Similar to job fair

Direct Mail

Personalized; can be selective if needed

Potential for very low response; can be costly

Radio/T.V.

Can substantially increase scope and size of potential candidate pool; can be combined with marketing and sales initiative; good public relations

Very costly; may lead to a deluge of candidates; raises company profile when not desirable

Alliances

Focused; allows for “pre-screening” of candidates; cost effective

Difficult to establish; alliance may go sour; creates a dependency



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Employment Agencies -
Contingency

Cost effective; quick

May not tap target groups; “you get what you pay for”; question of candidate quality through this source

Retired Military/Police/Fire/
Bus Drivers

High quality pool; “pre-screened”; candidates have received training and are qualified in most of the knowledge and abilities for the job; salary and benefits not normally a priority

Not easily tapped; limited in size; considerable competition; because of the demographic make-up of this group may not contribute to diversification of the workforce

Handouts

Can be cost effective; ability to target high potential groups

Question of whether the right message is being sent; may appear as desperate act; potential negative public relations

Union/Professional Associations

Good for labour relations; cost effective; pre-screening and RJP

Question of commitment of union and association to assist

On-line/Internet

Cost effective; allows for RJP; can be electronically integrated with applicant information management systems

Limits pool to those who have on-line access, which may not be a typical candidate for bus operator position

Government Coop Programs

Inexpensive and in some cases pre-screening has already been done; Funding may be available

Candidates may not be of right type; strings may be attached to funding

Vehicle Mounted Posters

Inexpensive and in certain cases may result in good “penetration” of target audience

Very few if any disadvantages if done professionally