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## AVOID DISCUSSING PERSONAL ISSUES

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#### **MORE THAN SALARY**

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For instance, you may inquire about resources like further training or development to enhance your qualifications in the industry. This shows the hiring manager that you are dedicated to becom-

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#### **SHOW YOUR VALUE**

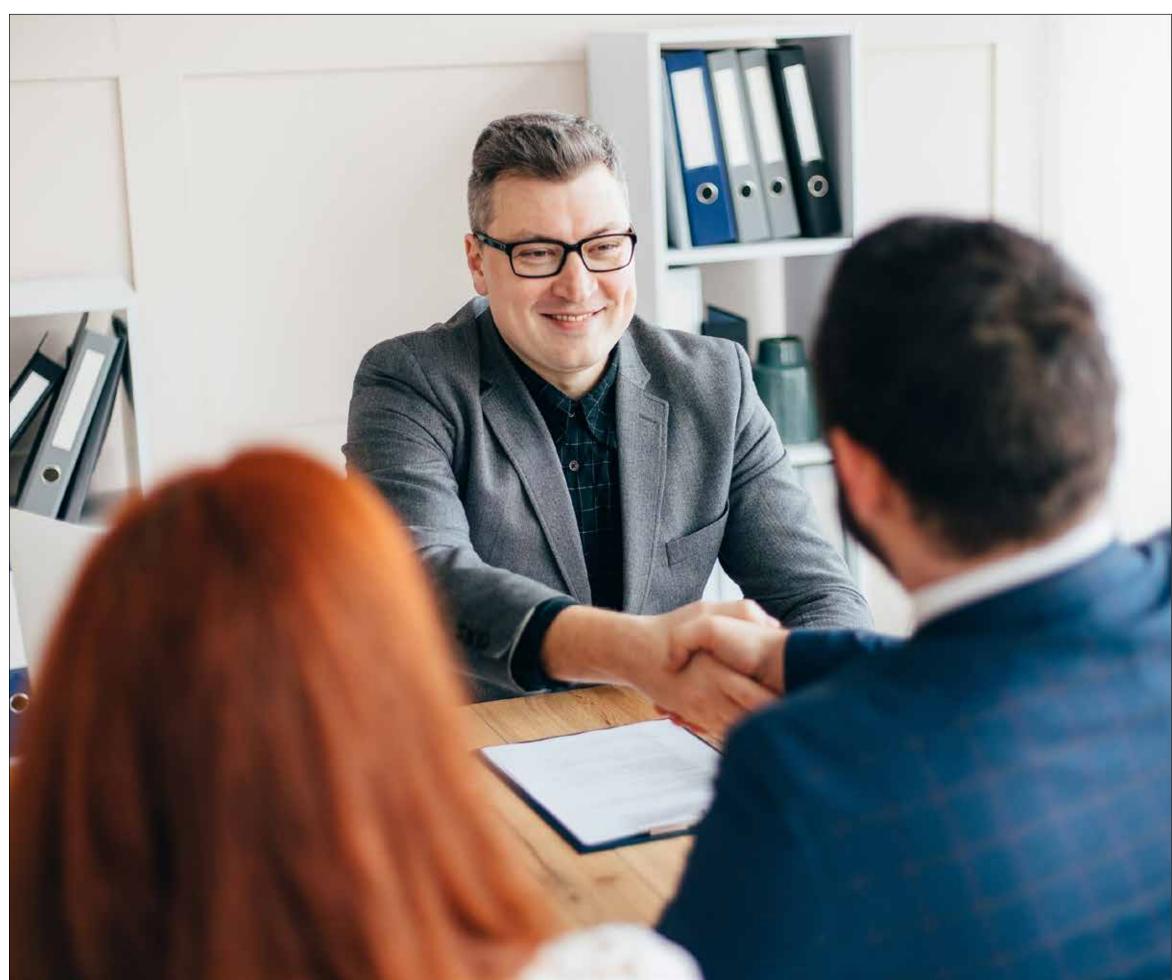
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Make sure you can show your worth by providing proven facts of how your performance enhanced a previous employer. To assist you, reach out to personal or professional connections to draft a letter of recommendation to showcase during discussions.

## KNOW WHEN TO WALK AWAY

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### **HOT JOB PROFILE**

### BARBERS, HAIRSTYLISTS, AND COSMETOLOGISTS

Number of jobs in 2018: 766,100

Job outlook, 2018-28: 8% (faster than average) Employment change, 2018-28: 63,900

**The role:** Barbers, hairstylists and cosmetologists provide haircutting, hairstyling and a range of other beauty services.

**Education required:** All states require barbers,

**Source:** U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

hairstylists and cosmetologists to be licensed. To qualify for a license, candidates are required to graduate from a state-approved barber or cosmetology program and then pass a state exam for licensure.

**The need:** Population growth will lead to greater demand for hair care services.

