

## **ASK THE CAREER ENGINEER!**

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**Q:** Is it right to call up and find out the status of application. Does such a call give any kind of wrong impression or deters prospects of getting a call? **Naheed, India**

**A:** I am a big advocate of following up after an interview or employer contact. The main concern is that you are professional in your follow-up demeanor and find that balance between being professional versus bothersome. In today's environment, it is important to demonstrate core values of self-management, leadership and initiative versus just stating them.

The post application and/or post interview contact if done well can showcase those values for you. What is the best tip I can offer regarding follow-up? Simply ask the employer if you can contact him or her. One of the interview questions I **always** ask is "*When will you have reached a decision, may I contact you?*" By asking this question, you will know immediately if the organization is open to follow-up calls or not.

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