

**GROUP ONE EMPLOYEES
PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND COMPETENCY RATING FORM**

STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- A. This form is used in accordance with Civil Service Commission Rule 2-3 and Civil Service Regulation 2.06 to document performance factors and objectives, required competencies, and the supervisor's evaluation of the employee's performance for: (1) probationary ratings, (2) progress reviews, and (3) annual ratings. This form is only used for Group One employees.
- B. A probationary period is required upon: (1) hire, (2) promotion, and (3) lateral job change between departments to a different classification. A probationary period is not required, but may be established for a reinstatement or demotion.
- C. A full-time probationary employee shall be rated upon completion of six months and twelve months of service. Less than full-time probationary employees shall be rated upon completion of nine months and eighteen months of service. New hires without status shall also be rated upon completion of three months of employment.
- D. The supervisor or supervisor and employee may establish performance factors or objectives setting forth expectations for the rating period. Performance objectives should be briefly stated but specifically defined and should include expected outcomes. The use of performance factors is optional for Group One employees. All relevant competencies must also be identified. Competencies measure behaviors or how the employee accomplishes the objectives.
- E. At the beginning of each rating period, the supervisor must review the performance factors, objectives, and competencies with the employee and explain that they set the performance expectations for the rating period. The employee and supervisor must sign and date the form and retain a copy.
- F. The supervisor should provide regular performance feedback to the employee. Formal progress reviews may be given during the course of the annual review period.
- G. At the end of the review period, the supervisor shall evaluate the employee's performance and assign an overall rating. The employee's achievements in relation to the performance factors (what was accomplished) and the competency evaluation (how the objectives were accomplished) must be considered in determining the employee's rating. The supervisor's evaluation must be documented on the form. The supervisor must discuss the evaluation with the employee.
- H. **The probationary rating categories are "Unsatisfactory," "Meets Expectations," and "High Performing."** Meets Expectations and High Performing are satisfactory ratings. An Unsatisfactory probationary rating is discipline and may be the basis for additional discipline, up to and including dismissal.
- I. **The annual rating categories are "Needs Improvement," "Meets Expectations," and "High Performing."** A Needs Improvement rating is not discipline. If a Needs Improvement rating is issued, the appointing authority shall establish a plan for improving the employee's performance or behavior.
- J. All ratings must be completed within twenty-eight calendar days of the end of the rating period.
- K. The supervisor and employee must sign and date the rating as evidence of the review. The appointing authority must sign and date Unsatisfactory probationary ratings and Needs Improvement annual ratings.
- L. The appointing authority must notify the State Personnel Director of any Unsatisfactory ratings within twenty-eight calendar days of the rating.
- M. Training on performance management is available from the Civil Service Commission. See Web site <https://civilservice.state.mi.us/MCSCHRTD/HRTDHome2.aspx> for details.