

MICHIGAN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
JOB SPECIFICATION

SENIOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

JOB DESCRIPTION

Employees in this job, as integral members of the senior management team, interact with top state administrators, high-level executives, staff, and the general public in order to represent members of policy-making boards and commissions, department directors, their deputies and their senior policy staff, and program assistants. Senior Executive Management Assistants monitor and report departmental initiatives, activities, and related matters, and provide administrative and executive support to assist administrative officials involved in the development, implementation, and executive management of programs and policies for departments and agencies of state government. Considerable independent judgment is required for all levels.

The Senior Executive Management Assistant Service (SEMAS) is authorized and defined by Civil Service Commission Rule 4-7.

Each appointment to a position in this job shall be limited to a term not to exceed two years. Incumbents may be reappointed to additional terms. Movement through the salary range is based upon performance evaluated by the employing agency under an approved performance management plan.

There are four classifications in this job.

Position Code Title - Senior Exec Mgt Asst-1

Senior Executive Management Assistant 9

The employee performs a full range of administrative and executive support duties for a supervising administrator classified as a Senior Executive Assistant-Deputy Director, Senior Executive Assistant-Director, or to an equivalent unclassified position.

Position Code Title - Senior Exec Mgt Asst-2

Senior Executive Management Assistant 11

The employee performs a full range of administrative and executive support duties for a supervising administrator classified as a Senior Management Executive, Senior Policy Executive, or to an equivalent unclassified position.

Position Code Title - Senior Exec Mgt Asst-3

Senior Executive Management Assistant 13

The employee performs a full range of administrative and executive support activities for a supervising administrator classified as a Senior Deputy Director, an equivalent unclassified position, or an autonomous agency director equivalent to a deputy department director.

Position Code Title - Senior Exec Mgt Asst-4

Senior Executive Management Assistant 15

The employee performs a full range of administrative and executive support activities for the director of a principal department and/or commission or board responsible for the overall mission of the department.

JOB DUTIES

NOTE: Listed job duties are typical examples of work of positions in this classification. Not all duties assigned to every position are included, nor will all positions be assigned every duty. The general description of job duties does not authorize performance contrary to any state or federal licensing or certification requirements.

Performs a variety of administrative and executive support tasks which may be highly confidential and sensitive.

Coordinates office management activities for the executive or commission.

Researches, compiles, assimilates, and prepares confidential and sensitive documents and briefs the executive regarding contents.

Reads and screens incoming correspondence and reports, makes preliminary assessment of the importance of materials and organizes documents, handles some matters personally, and forwards appropriate materials to the executive and staff.

Receives and screens incoming calls and visitors, determines which are priority matters, and alerts the executive accordingly. Makes referrals to appropriate executive staff or provides requested information.

Informs government officials and others of the position of the executive on issues.

Composes letters and memoranda in response to incoming mail or calls. As liaison between the executive and subordinates or others, exchanges information; transmits directives, instructions, and assignments; and follows up on status of assignments.

Operates computers to produce a variety of documents, charts, and graphs in final form.

Updates executive/commission on status of issues before scheduled meetings.

Prepares agenda and collects materials for meetings, speeches, and conferences; takes minutes and keeps records of proceedings as required.

Plans and coordinates arrangements for professional conferences.

Reviews, proofreads, and edits documents prepared for the executive's signature.

Takes and transcribes dictation on technical and confidential matters from the executive or commission member(s) as required.

Coordinates and facilitates the executive's or commission's calendar to arrange appointments, meetings, and conferences.

Recommends actions to be taken on office expenditures such as equipment and supply needs. May assist in preparation of the office budget.

Attends meetings as executive's or commission's representative; reports on proceedings.

Compiles and maintains records, statistical information, and reports.

Participates in and may coordinate committees or task forces, as assigned.

Establishes and maintains various filing and records management systems.

Makes domestic and foreign travel arrangements, prepares itineraries, prepares and compiles travel vouchers, and maintains all travel records.

Performs related work as assigned.

Senior Executive Management Assistant (Supervisors):

Evaluates and verifies employee performance through the review of completed work assignments and/or the review of work techniques.

Selects and assigns staff, assuring equal employment opportunity in hiring and promotion.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

NOTE: Considerable knowledge is required at the 9 level, thorough knowledge is required at the 11 level, and extensive knowledge is required at the 13 and 15 levels.

Knowledge of the application of instructions and guidelines to specific problems.

Knowledge of the application of the mission of the specific organizational entity to the performance of executive support activities.

Knowledge of organization, subject matter procedures, instructions, and guidelines of departments within the state service.

Knowledge of departmental policies, procedures, and organizational relationships.

Knowledge of the organization, punctuation, and composition of business letters, reports, charts, and tabular material.

Knowledge of correct English usage, spelling, and punctuation.

Knowledge of current computer environments; i.e., Windows or Systems 7.

Knowledge of software programs such as Word, WordPerfect, Excel, Access, Lotus, FoxPro, and PowerPoint.

Knowledge of the organization and maintenance of filing systems.

Knowledge of the techniques of receiving callers, making appointments, and giving information.

Some knowledge of human resource practices.

Some knowledge of budget preparation.

Ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality.

Ability to make decisions where precedents may not be established.

Ability to apply the overall mission of a department to make executive support decisions.

Ability to review several diverse reference sources and select and synthesize data for reports and other forms of correspondence.

Ability to apply instructions and guidelines in the disposition of problems.

Ability to follow complex instructions.

Ability to compose letters and memoranda.

Ability to type and/or take dictation to meet standards in giving out information and referring callers.

Ability to use a Windows or Systems 7-based environment to create presentations, charts, graphs, databases, and spreadsheets.

Ability to use diplomacy, discretion, and judgment in giving out information and referring callers.

Ability to direct, review, and evaluate the work of other employees, as required.

Ability to make decisions and take necessary actions.

Ability to maintain composure during stressful situations.

Ability to efficiently handle multiple tasks requiring a high degree of attention to detail.

Senior Executive Management Assistant (Supervisors):

Some knowledge of training and supervisory techniques.

Some knowledge of employee policies and procedures.

Some knowledge of equal employment opportunity policies and procedures.

Some knowledge of labor relations.

Ability to select, instruct, direct, and evaluate employees.

Working Conditions

None

Physical Requirements

None

Education

Education typically acquired through completion of high school.

Experience

Senior Executive Management Assistant 9

Four years of office experience involving administrative support practices, including two years equivalent to an experienced, E7-level, administrative support worker, Secretary 7, or Legal Secretary 7; or, one year equivalent to an advanced, 8-level, administrative support worker, Secretary E8, or Legal Secretary E8.

Senior Executive Management Assistant 11

Six years of office experience involving administrative support practices, including four years equivalent to experienced, E7-level, administrative support worker, Secretary 7, or Legal Secretary 7; three years equivalent to an advanced, 8-level, administrative support worker, Secretary E8, or Legal Secretary E8; two years equivalent to a Secretary 9, Legal Secretary 9, or Senior Executive Management Assistant 9; or, one year equivalent to the Division Head Legal Secretary 10 or Executive Secretary E10.

Senior Executive Management Assistant 13, 15

Four years of administrative and executive support experience equivalent to a Senior Executive Management Assistant 9, Secretary 9, or Legal Secretary 9; three years equivalent to an Executive Secretary E10, Legal Secretary 10, or Secretary Supervisor 10; or, two years equivalent to a Senior Executive Management Assistant 11, Executive Secretary 11, or Secretary Supervisor 11.

Alternate Education and Experience

Senior Executive Management Assistant 9, Senior Executive Management Assistant 11, Senior Executive Management Assistant 13, 15

Possession of an associate's degree in applied arts and sciences in an executive secretarial science curriculum may be substituted for one year as a Secretary 9.

NOTE: Civil Service can individually evaluate equivalent combinations of education and experience providing required knowledge, skills, and abilities to qualify.

Special Requirements, Licenses, and Certifications

Some positions may require stenographic skills.

JOB CODE, POSITION TITLES AND CODES, AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

Job Code

SEMA

Job Code Description

SENIOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Position Code</u>	<u>Pay Schedule</u>
Senior Exec Mgt Asst-1	SEMA1	NERE-026P
Senior Exec Mgt Asst-2	SEMA2	NERE-027P
Senior Exec Mgt Asst-3	SEMA3	NERE-028P
Senior Exec Mgt Asst-4	SEMA4	NERE-029P

JZ

06/21/2026