Directive on performance and talent management for executives

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- 3.1 The objective indicated in section 3 of the *Policy on the Management of Executives* applies to this directive.
- 3.2 The expected results indicated in section 3 of the *Policy on the Management of Executives* apply to this directive.

4. Requirements

- 4.1 The head of human resources is responsible for the following:
 - 4.1.1 Ensuring that the performance and talent management of executives are administered in a robust, fair and consistent manner in accordance with this directive and the instructions communicated by the Chief Human Resources Officer.
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 - 4.2.1 For each subordinate executive, carrying out the following responsibilities in accordance with the Standard on the Administration of Executive Performance and Talent Management in Appendix A:

Performance management

4.2.1.1 Establishing a performance agreement;

- 4.2.1.2 Establishing a learning and development plan;
- 4.2.1.3 Conducting a mid-year performance review;
- 4.2.1.4 Completing a performance assessment;
- 4.2.1.5 Communicating performance assessment results to the executive;

Talent management

- 4.2.1.6 Completing an annual talent assessment;
- 4.2.1.7 Communicating talent assessment results to the executive; and
- 4.2.1.8 Providing feedback on the executive's strengths, areas for development and career goals.

Performance improvement plan

- 4.2.2 For each subordinate executive whose performance is rated as "Did not meet (Level 1)," or is deemed unsatisfactory at any point in a performance review period, carrying out the following responsibilities:
 - 4.2.2.1 Establishing and implementing a performance improvement plan;
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 - 4.2.2.3 Monitoring and evaluating the executive's progress against the performance improvement plan; and
 - 4.2.2.4 Communicating, at the outset of the performance improvement plan, the steps to be taken and potential range of consequences, including demotion or termination, if performance does not improve.

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5.1 The roles of other government organizations in relation to this directive are described in section 5 of the *Policy on People Management*.

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7.3 Other

- Key Leadership Competencies
- Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector

8. Enquiries

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Appendix A: Standard on the Administration of Executive Performance and Talent Management

A1. Effective date

A1.1 This standard takes effect on April 1, 2020.

A2. Standards

- A2.1 This standard provides details on the requirements set out in section 4 of the Directive on Performance and Talent Management for Executives.
- A2.2 Standards are as follows:

Performance agreement

- A2.2.1 A performance agreement is established with each executive who is appointed or deployed to an executive position when the time spent in the executive position will equal or exceed three consecutive months during the performance review period.
- A2.2.2 Performance agreements must include:
 - A2.2.2.1 The period covered by the agreement;
 - A2.2.2.2 Clear commitments specific to the executive's role and responsibilities, with associated performance measures that are linked to the priorities of the organization and of the Government of Canada;
 - A2.2.2.3 Specific references to how the executive will demonstrate the key leadership competencies; and
 - A2.2.2.4 The signatures of the executive and the manager at the beginning of the performance review period, at the mid-year review and at the year-end assessment.

Learning and development plan

A2.2.3 A learning and development plan is established or updated for each executive when a performance agreement is established and, if necessary, following a talent assessment in accordance with instructions provided by the Chief Human Resources Officer.

Mid-year performance review

- A2.2.4 The mid-year performance review must include:
 - A2.2.4.1 Feedback on progress on achieving results against established commitments and on the demonstration of the key leadership competencies;
 - A2.2.4.2 A review of learning and development needs and activities;
 - A2.2.4.3 An amendment of the performance agreement, and learning and development plan, as required; and
 - A2.2.4.4 Signatures of the manager and the executive acknowledging that the content of the mid-year review has been discussed.

Performance assessment

- A2.2.5 A performance assessment is completed within 60 days of the end of each performance review period for each executive with a performance agreement.
- A2.2.6 Performance assessments must include:
 - A2.2.6.1 A written assessment of results achieved against established commitments;
 - A2.2.6.2 A written assessment of how the results were achieved through demonstration of the key leadership competencies;
 - A2.2.6.3 One performance rating that reflects the executive's overall performance with respect to results achieved and demonstration of the <u>key leadership competencies</u> based on the following rating scale:

Unable to	Performance could not be assessed because
assess	executive worked for fewer than three
(Level 0)	consecutive months in the position during the performance review period.

Did not meet (Level 1)

Did not achieve performance expectations.

- Performance results and/or the demonstration of the effective behaviours related to the <u>key</u> <u>leadership competencies</u> were inadequate.
- Knowledge, skills and abilities were not demonstrated at appropriate levels.
- Did not meet all or most of the commitments set out and needs significant improvement in critical areas of the position or in the effective behaviours related to all the <u>key leadership</u> <u>competencies</u> for the role.
- In repeated instances, demonstrated deficiencies that detracted from the achievement of expected results. Failed to produce – or produced unacceptable – work products, services or outcomes.

Succeeded minus (Level 2)

Did not achieve all performance expectations, or succeeded in the face of challenges that were of much lower scope and complexity compared with other executives at the same level.

- Inconsistently demonstrated satisfactory performance and/or the effective behaviours related to the <u>key leadership</u> <u>competencies</u> for the role throughout the performance review period.
- Needs to strengthen performance and gain proficiency in the role.
- Achieved some, but not all, commitments and/or is acquiring necessary knowledge and skills to fully meet the expectations of the position.

Succeeded (Level 3)

Succeeded Achieved all performance expectations.

- Achieved all the results set out in the commitments and consistently and effectively demonstrated all or most of the effective behaviours related to the <u>key leadership competencies</u> for the role throughout the performance review period.
- Performance as an executive reflected a fully qualified individual in this position.
- Peers viewed this individual as a solid and dependable leader who displayed a high level of excellence.
- Contributed to the organization's overall objectives through valuable accomplishments in several critical areas of the position and through demonstrated behaviours. May have exceeded some expectations for the position.

Succeeded plus (Level 4)

Exceeded performance expectations, or succeeded in the face of challenges that were of much greater scope and complexity compared with other executives at the same level.

- Consistently achieved results and demonstrated the effective behaviours related to the <u>key</u> <u>leadership competencies</u> that exceeded the expectations of the position and were above the norm throughout the performance review period.
- More than half of the results that were achieved exceeded expectations, and all other expectations were fully achieved.

Surpassed (Level 5)

Demonstrated truly exceptional performance that went significantly beyond expectations.

- Achievements and effective behaviours related to all <u>key</u> <u>leadership competencies</u> for the role had tremendous and consistent positive impact and value for the organization and for the public service.
- Overcame unanticipated barriers or intractable problems while mastering the effective behaviours related to all <u>key</u> <u>leadership competencies</u> for the role.
- Demonstrated a unique performance level that can be considered a one-time achievement that extensively and measurably contributed to the organizational goals.
- Demonstrated outstanding performance that set the executive apart, as it is not often achieved by others. Always exceeded expectations and was easily recognized as a top performer compared with peers.

A2.2.6.4 Signatures of the manager and the executive acknowledging that the content of the performance assessment has been discussed.

Performance assessments for executives in special circumstances

Retirement or death

A2.2.7 The performance rating of executives who retire or die prior to the end of the performance review period is based on an assessment of results achieved against established commitments and demonstration of the key leadership competencies for the portion of time the executive worked during the review period.

Language training

- A2.2.8 In addition to the performance agreement for the portion of the year not spent on language training, a performance agreement is required for the portion of the year spent on language training. This performance agreement states that the executive's commitment is to diligently participate in language training to meet the requirements of the position.
- A2.2.9 For diligent participation in language training, executives receive a "Succeeded (Level 3) rating.

Interchange Canada assignments to organizations outside the core public administration

- A2.2.10 The executive is required to establish a performance agreement at the beginning of the assignment period with the immediate manager of the host organization.
- A2.2.11 If the executive has worked with the host organization for fewer than three consecutive months during the performance review period, the evaluation of the executive's performance is based on the achievement of results and demonstration of the key leadership competencies in the home position (department), with consideration of the results achieved while on the Interchange assignment.
- A2.2.12 If the executive has worked in the home position for three consecutive months or longer and in the host position for three consecutive months or longer during the performance review period, the achievement of results and demonstration of the key leadership competencies in both the substantive executive position and the Interchange assignment are taken into consideration in establishing the performance rating.

Interchange Canada assignments from outside the core public administration

A2.2.13 Executives on Interchange Canada assignments from outside the core public administration are not subject to the *Directive on Performance and Talent Management for Executives*.

Leave without pay

A2.2.14 A performance agreement is not required for the portion of the performance review period during which an executive is on leave without pay.

Salary maintenance status

- A2.2.15 Surplus executives who are on salary maintenance after being appointed to an executive position with a lower maximum salary than the salary they were receiving in their previous position and non-executives appointed to an executive position with a lower maximum salary than the salary they were receiving in their previous position require performance agreements.
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Salary protection status

A2.2.17 A performance agreement is required for executives who have salary protection status, even if their position has been reclassified as a non-executive position.

Secondment within the core public administration

- A2.2.18 A performance agreement for a secondment is required when the time spent in the executive position will equal or exceed three consecutive months during the performance review period.
- A2.2.19 Both the home and the host departments are responsible for defining the executive's commitments and for evaluating the executive's achievement of results and demonstration of the key leadership competencies during the executive's period of work for them.

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A2.2.20 In situations where an executive is on special deployment, a performance agreement is established and the executive's performance is assessed against the commitments and the key leadership competencies.

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Casual workers

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Move to more suitable role	Current position is not a good fit for the executive's skills, competencies, abilities or interests. Another position may provide the opportunity for the executive to demonstrate strengths and potential.
Transition to retirement	Executive has communicated an intention to retire. A managerial, advisory or coaching role may be the best approach to maximize knowledge transfer and this executive's contribution to the organization and/or public service.
No placement	Should be used only in exceptional circumstances when the executive cannot reasonably be placed in any other category.

Appendix B: Definitions

Definitions to be used in the interpretation of this directive can be found in this appendix, Appendix D of the *Policy on People Management*, and Appendix C of the *Policy on the Management of Executives*.

performance rating (cote de rendement)

A rating given to an employee by their manager based on an assessment of their achievements against commitments and competencies identified in the performance agreement.

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Succeeded minus (Level 2)

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Succeeded (Level 3)

Succeeded Achieved all performance expectations.

- Achieved all the results set out in the commitments and consistently and effectively demonstrated all or most of the effective behaviours related to the <u>key leadership competencies</u> for the role throughout the performance review period.
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- Peers viewed this individual as a solid and dependable leader who displayed a high level of excellence.
- Contributed to the organization's overall objectives through valuable accomplishments in several critical areas of the position and through demonstrated behaviours. May have exceeded some expectations for the position.

Succeeded plus (Level 4)

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Leave without pay

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Special deployments

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Reclassification during the year

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Part-time work

A2.2.26 Indeterminate and term part-time executives are required to have a performance agreement and an assessment of performance against the commitments established and the key leadership competencies.

Talent assessment

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Ready for lateral movement	Executive demonstrates the expected behaviours related to the key leadership competencies and has maximized professional development in the current position. Lateral opportunities would allow the executive to gain further breadth of experience, enhance skills, satisfy current aspirations and maintain engagement. An executive must have valid second language evaluation (SLE) results to be assessed as "ready for lateral movement."
Well placed in role	Executive demonstrates the expected behaviours related to the key leadership competencies and contributes to the success of the organization and/or public service. Current position continues to offer sufficient challenge to enable growth.
Develop in role	Executive demonstrates some but not all of the expected behaviours related to the key leadership competencies and/or contributes to a limited extent to the success of the organization and/or public service. Current position offers sufficient challenge and opportunity for the executive to develop the key leadership competencies and demonstrate strengths and potential.
Move to more suitable role	Current position is not a good fit for the executive's skills, competencies, abilities or interests. Another position may provide the opportunity for the executive to demonstrate strengths and potential.
Transition to retirement	Executive has communicated an intention to retire. A managerial, advisory or coaching role may be the best approach to maximize knowledge transfer and this executive's contribution to the organization and/or public service.
No placement	Should be used only in exceptional circumstances when the executive cannot reasonably be placed in any other category.

Appendix B: Definitions

Definitions to be used in the interpretation of this directive can be found in this appendix, Appendix D of the *Policy on People Management*, and Appendix C of the *Policy on the Management of Executives*.

performance rating (cote de rendement)

A rating given to an employee by their manager based on an assessment of their achievements against commitments and competencies identified in the performance agreement.

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