

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

General Wage Increase Civil Service Staff July 1, 2023

The Washington State Legislature provided funds for a 4% general wage increase for nonrepresented classified staff (civil service) effective July 1, 2023. Represented classified staff are to see their respective <u>collective bargaining agreement</u> for information.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Which civil service staff are eligible to receive the general wage increase on July 1, 2023?
 - Civil service staff who are on appointment including probation and trial service as of July 1, 2023 will receive the increase. All non-permanent civil service employees (scheduled and hourly) will also receive the increase.
- 2. Will civil service staff on grants and contracts receive the increase?
 - Yes. The increase applies to civil service staff regardless of position funding source.
- 3. If a civil service employee was recently hired, changed positions, changed classification, is on a temporary upgrade or was promoted, are they eligible for the increase?
 - Yes. Civil service staff follow the <u>Washington State General Service Salary Schedule</u>, which includes a 4% increase effective July 1, 2023.
- 4. What if I have additional questions?
 - Questions regarding employee eligibility may be directed to Human Resource Services.

IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASES

- 5. How will the civil service staff increase be implemented?
 - The increase will be processed centrally by HRS and Modernization. The salary schedule for civil service staff will increase 4% effective July 1, 2023. Employee compensation will reflect the increase in Workday no later than July 17, 2023, and the increase will be included in the July 25 pay check.
- 6. How will periodic salary increases (PID) be impacted by the general wage increase?
 - Once the general wage increase is complete, PID increases will be processed as normal.



- 7. How will employees be notified?
 - Employees may view their Compensation and Pay Change History on their Workday profile.
- 8. If the need for corrections is discovered after the general wage increase is processed, how should that be handled?
 - Departments should contact HRS Records for assistance.
- 11. Where can the updated civil service salary schedules be found?
 - The updated civil service salary schedules will be available on the <u>HRS website</u> July 1, 2023. They will also be available at <u>Washington State General Service Salary</u> <u>Schedule</u>.

FUNDING

- 12. How will funding for increases be allocated?
 - The FY-24 financial budget development process will include a separate EIB to allocate centrally provided core fund compensation funding. Core funds include FD001-General Fund, FD076-Indirect Cost Recovery, and FD080-Administrative Fees and Interest.
 - Areas are responsible to cover the cost of increases for eligible employees paid on all other funds.
- 13. How will allocations be determined?
 - The Budget Office is still reviewing data sources to determine what salary base will be used to calculate allocation amounts. The Budget Office will release details on the calculation in a future communication.
- 13. Will permanent funding be provided?
 - Yes, permanent funding will be provided, although it is important to note that the concept of PBL will be retired once the university transitions to the new budget model in FY-25. Plans for any potential maintenance to PBL data in the BPS system will be announced on a future date.
- 14. What if I have other questions?
 - Questions regarding funding/budget may be directed to the Budget Office.