

MANAGER GUIDE - COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK DISCUSSION

Preparation

1. Review the Competency Framework

- Familiarize yourself with the competency framework relevant to the team member's role.
- Understand the key competencies, their definitions, and the expected behaviours associated with each competency.

2. Gather Information

 Collect relevant information on the team member's performance, achievements, and areas that may need improvement. Review any previous performance evaluations and feedback.

3. Identify Specific Goals

 Determine the objectives and goals of the meeting, considering the team member's career aspirations and the organization's needs.

4. Schedule the Meeting

 Contact the team member in advance to schedule the meeting, ensuring that it is a convenient time for both of you, when you can have an uninterrupted conversation.

5. Set Expectations

- Tell the team member to review the competency model and assess themselves on each of the elements.
- Tell them to be ready to provide examples to support their assessment.
- Tell them that at the end you will reach a decision based on the discussion and your final judgment.

Conduct the Meeting

1. Welcome and set the tone

Begin the meeting by setting a positive and collaborative tone for the discussion.

2. Discuss the purpose of the meeting

Explain that the purpose of the meeting is to align the team member's skills, competencies, and career aspirations with the organization's competency framework.

3. Self-Assessment

Ask the team member to share their assessment of their strengths and areas for development within the competency framework. Ask open-ended questions to promote self-awareness.

4. Manager Assessment

Share your observations and assessment of the team member's performance within the competency framework. Provide specific examples and feedback, both positive and constructive.

5. Gap Analysis

Discuss the gaps or misalignments between the team member's self-assessment and your assessment. Focus on identifying areas where you believe improvement or further development is needed.

Development Plan

Collaboratively develop a plan for addressing competency gaps and enhancing strengths. Discuss training, mentorship, on-the-job experiences, or other development opportunities.

7. Set SMART Goals

Work with the team member to set Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound (SMART) goals related to competency improvement.

8. Support & Resources

Discuss the support and resources available to help the team member achieve their goals, such as training programs, coaching, or access to learning materials.

9. Timeline & Check-Ins

Establish a timeline for reviewing progress and scheduling follow-up meetings to track development and offer ongoing feedback and support.

10. Encourage Questions

Allow the team member to ask questions and seek clarifications on any aspects of the discussion.

11. Summarize and Document

Summarize the key points of the discussion, including the competency goals, development plan, and timelines. Document the meeting outcomes and share a copy with the team member.

12. End on a Positive Note

Conclude the meeting by expressing confidence in the team member's ability to develop their competencies and contribute to the team's success.

Follow-Up

- After the meeting, regularly check in with the team member to monitor progress, provide feedback, and adjust the development plan as necessary.
- Ensure that the team member has the necessary resources and support to achieve their competency goals.
- Keep detailed records of the team member's progress to facilitate future evaluations and career development discussions.

Remember that this meeting is an opportunity to support the team member's growth and align their competencies with the organization's goals, fostering a sense of ownership and engagement in their professional development.