

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
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544 CLASSIFICATION POLICY

Education Code Sections

88076. (a) The commission shall classify all employees and positions within the jurisdiction of the governing board of the community college district or of the commission, except those that are exempt from the classified service, as specified in subdivision (b). The employees and positions shall be known as the classified service. "To classify" shall include, but not be limited to, allocating positions to appropriate classes, arranging classes into occupational hierarchies, determining reasonable relationships within occupational hierarchies, and preparing written class specifications.

(b) The following positions and employees are exempt from the classified service:

- (1) Academic positions.
- (2) Full-time students employed part time.
- (3) Part-time students employed part time in a college work-study program or in a work experience education program conducted by a community college that is financed by state or federal funds.
- (4) Apprentice positions.
- (5) Positions established for the employment of professional experts on a temporary basis for a specific project by the governing board of a community college district or by the commission when so designated by the commission.

(c) Employment of either full-time or part-time students in a college work-study program, or in a work experience education program shall not result in the displacement of classified personnel or impair existing contracts for services.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prevent an employee, who has attained regular status in a full-time position, from taking a voluntary reduction in time and retaining his or her regular status under the provisions of this law.

(e) A person whose contribution consists solely in the rendition of individual personal services and whose employment does not come within the scope of the exceptions listed above shall not be employed outside the classified service.

(f) A part-time position is one for which the assigned time, when computed on an hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly basis, is less than 87 ½ percent of the normally assigned time of the majority of employees in the classified service.

(g) An employee employed by a community college district in a part-time playground position as of the effective date of the laws placing part-time playground positions

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into the classified service shall be deemed a permanent employee of the community college district without placement on an eligibility list under Section 88091 or examination under Section 88092.

88080. (a) The commission shall prescribe and, amend, and interpret subject to this article, such rules as may be necessary to insure the efficiency of the service and the selection and retention of employees upon a basis of merit and fitness. The rules shall not apply to bargaining unit members if the subject matter is within the scope of representation, as defined in Section 3543.2 of the Government Code, and is included in a negotiated agreement between the governing board and that unit. The rules shall be binding upon the governing board, but shall not restrict the authority of the governing board provided pursuant to other sections of this code.

(b) No rule or amendment which would affect classified employees who are represented by a certified or recognized exclusive bargaining representative shall be adopted by the commission until the exclusive bargaining representative and the community college employer of the classified employees who would be affected have been given reasonable notice of the proposal.

88081. (a) The rules shall provide for the procedures to be followed by the governing board as they pertain to the classified service regarding applications, examinations, eligibility, appointments, promotions, demotions, transfers, dismissals, resignations, layoffs, reemployment, vacations, leaves of absence, compensation within classification, job analyses and specifications, performance evaluations, public advertisement of examinations, rejection of unfit applicants without competition, and any other matters necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this article.

(b) With respect to those matters set forth in subdivision (a) which are a subject of negotiation under the provisions of Section 3543.2 of the Government Code, such rules as apply to each bargaining unit shall be in accordance with the negotiated agreement, if any, between the exclusive representative for that unit and the public school employer.

88104. (a) When all of the positions in a class are reclassified to a higher class, the incumbents of the positions who have been in the class for two or more years may be reclassified with their positions by the personnel commission. When a portion of the positions within a class are reclassified to a higher class, an incumbent who has a continuous employment record of two or more years in one or more of the positions being reclassified may be reclassified with his or her position as provided by personnel commission rule.

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(b) The basis for reclassification of the position shall be a gradual accretion of duties and not a sudden change occasioned by a reorganization or the assignment of completely new duties and responsibilities. Determinations as to gradual accretion shall be on the basis of guidelines provided by personnel commission rules.

(c) An employee who has been reclassified with his or her position is ineligible for subsequent reclassification with his or her position for a period of at least two years from the initial action.

88104.5. No position classification or reclassification plan which would affect classified employees who are represented by a certified or recognized exclusive bargaining representative shall be adopted by the commission until the exclusive bargaining representative and the community college employer of the classified employees who would be affected have been given reasonable notice of the proposed classifications or reclassifications.

- A. The Personnel Commission shall classify all positions and employees that fall within the classified service and such other positions that may be requested by the administration.
- B. The Personnel Director shall receive requests for classification or reclassification studies submitted by the administration, employees, or exclusive bargaining representatives, and may direct appropriate staff to further study the requests. The Personnel Commission may also initiate classification or reclassification studies. The results of studies will, upon their conclusion, be reported to the Personnel Commission even if no change in classification is recommended.
- C. Classification studies are based on analyses of duties and responsibilities and studies of existing positions should be initiated whenever there is an indication of a substantial change in duties and responsibilities. The Personnel Commission policy is that each class of positions be restudied, insofar as possible, approximately every five years.
- D. It shall be the policy of the Personnel Commission to require reasons for the reopening of a study for a position or class that has been reported on within the past three years.
- E. It shall be the policy of the Personnel Commission to provide advance notice to the exclusive bargaining representative and the District administration of any proposed classification or reclassification action prior to recommending the adoption by the Personnel Commission.