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# **Competency Profile for Management - Supervisor**

#### **ADAPTABILITY**

Adapting in order to work effectively in ambiguous or changing situations, and with diverse individuals and groups.

# Level 3: Adapts to widely varying needs.

- Adapts to new ideas and initiatives across a wide variety of issues or situations.
- Supports major changes that challenge traditional ways of operating.
- Adapts interpersonal style to highly diverse individuals and groups in a range of situations.
- Adapts own plans and priorities in anticipation of change.

#### **CLIENT FOCUS**

Providing service excellence to internal and/or external clients, addressing immediate and evolving client needs.

#### Level 2: Maintains client contact.

- Follows up with clients during and after delivery of services to ensure that their needs have been met.
- Keeps clients up to date on the progress of the service they are receiving and changes that affect them.
- Maintains service to clients during critical periods.
- Addresses clients' issues in order of priority.

#### **EXEMPLIFYING INTEGRITY**

Treating others fairly, honestly and respectfully, furthering the integrity of the organization and its relationships of trust within the work environment and in the broader community.

# Level 2: Handles ethical dilemmas effectively within teams.

- Sets clear expectations for employees of ethical behaviours to be demonstrated in the workplace.
- Initiates discussion of ethical dimensions of different situations.
- Identifies ethical dilemmas and takes action to avoid and prevent them.
- Checks all decisions to ensure that they are in accordance with overall organizational values before they are implemented.
- Encourages team members to come forward when they observe ethical lapses.
- Recognizes behaviour that supports transparency and honesty.

#### MANAGING PEOPLE

Managing others to ensure their work contributes to organizational goals by developing individuals, building teams, resolving conflicts and applying workplace policies

# Level 2: Manages a small team and implements people management practices.

- Chairs working groups to lead information-gathering processes.
- Plans team members' work based on the team's objectives.
- Evaluates individual performance based on fair criteria, taking diversity into account.
- Addresses human rights complaints (e.g., harassment, discrimination) immediately after incidents are reported.
- Resolves interpersonal or personal problems that are affecting performance.
- Follows human resources policy and processes for issue escalation.

#### **DECISION-MAKING**

Applying critical thinking, good business sense and organizational values to make decisions involving varying levels of risk and ambiguity

# Level 2: Makes decisions by interpreting guidelines and policies.

- Applies guidelines and procedures that require some interpretation in dealing with exceptions.
- Makes straightforward decisions based on information that is generally adequate.
- Compares the importance of various factors on specific aspects of an issue.
- Recognizes when analysis is sufficient to proceed with making a good decision.
- Identifies potential implications of own decisions.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT ORIENTATION**

Focusing efforts on achieving high-quality results consistent with the organization's standards

# Level 3: Helps others consistently meet standards.

- Assists others to improve efficiency.
- Coaches others to follow own example of excellence.
- Contributes ideas for improvements in work methods and outcomes.

#### **TECHNICAL AND FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITY**

Understanding and applying technical and functional knowledge and skills to accomplish work objectives, while keeping up to date with new developments in the subject area and continuing to enhance skills

#### Level 4: Demonstrates advanced knowledge and ability

- Deals with new or complex issues in the technical or functional area.
- Adapts approaches in novel situations.
- Explains advanced or complex concepts and methods.
- Guides others in the technical or functional area.
- Makes recommendations on the best course of action in complex situations.

#### COMMUNICATION

Communicating clearly and respectfully with different audiences, both orally and in writing

# Level 3: Adapts communication.

- Tailors communication (e.g., content, style, tone and medium) to diverse audiences and readerships.
- Reads cues from diverse audiences to assess when and how to change planned communication approach to deliver message effectively.
- Communicates with varying organizational levels, sometimes on the spot.
- Recognizes others' complex or underlying needs, motivations or concerns, communicating
  effectively despite the sensitivity of the situation.
- Conveys important nuances and context to facilitate understanding of the message or material.

# **ORGANIZATIONAL AWARENESS**

Understanding the workings, structure, culture and distribution of power within and beyond the organization and for Parliament as a whole, and applying this understanding to solve problems and achieve desired outcomes

# Level 2: Understands and applies informal organizational structures and processes.

- Identifies the unwritten, informal structures, culture, rules, power dynamics and decision-making processes.
- Builds an informal network of relationships to facilitate progress toward objectives.
- Positions arguments based on an understanding of informal communities of shared interest.
- Recognizes unspoken organizational constraints what is and is not possible at certain times or at certain levels.
- Applies both formal and informal channels or networks for acquiring information and assistance and for accomplishing work goals.