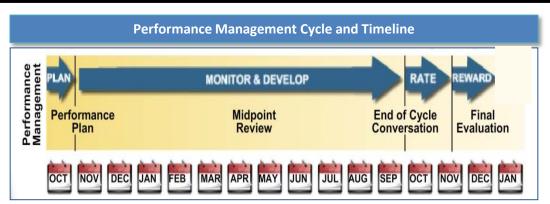


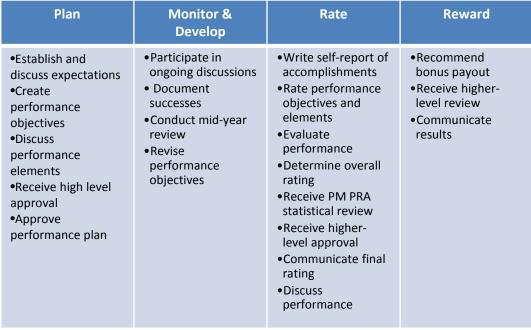
Course Objectives

- ☐ Explain the change from the individual assessment to single assessment option.
- ☐ Provide an overview and explain the benefits of the single assessment.
- ☐ Describe the required agency-wide format for the single assessment.



FY17 Timeline







Key Event	Completion Due Date
Performance Objectives/ IDP	10/31/16
Midpoint Review	4/30/17
Performance Evaluations	11/15/17



Implementing the Single Assessment Option

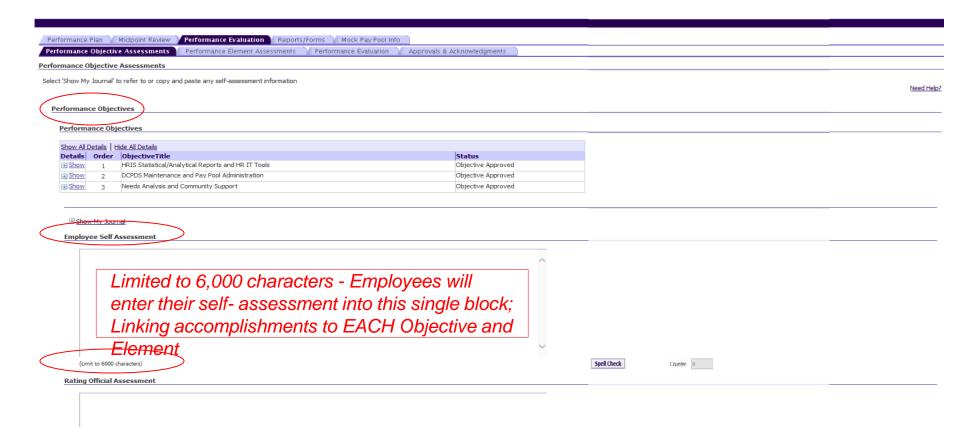
- The "Single Assessment Option" Performance Evaluation in the PAA tool is a feature
 that allows employees to simplify their self-assessment narrative into one single block,
 rather than responding to each Performance Objective and Performance Element
 individually. The Single Assessment Option is designed to streamline the administrative
 portion of the performance management processes for both employees and Rating
 Officials.
- Instead of having separate self-assessment fields for each corresponding objective and element, employees will now have one field with a 6,000 character limit for a consolidated self-report of accomplishments. Supervisors and managers will have a 6,000 character limit within which to respond and provide recommendations for the rating. Objectives and elements will continue to be rated individually by the rating official.





New Format - Single Assessment Option

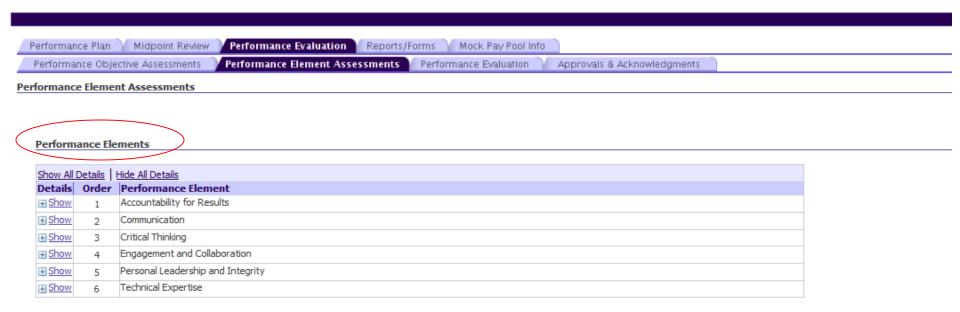
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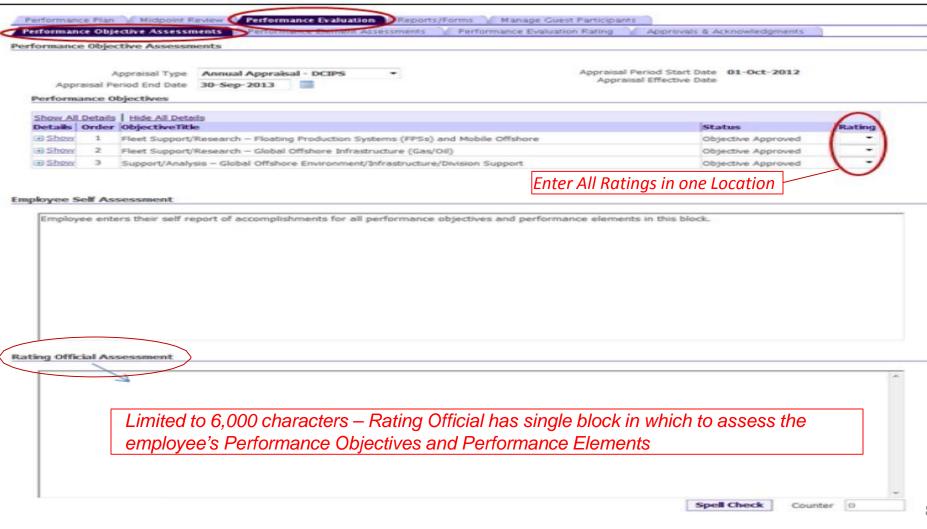
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The Performance Element tab is ONLY used to reference the definition of each element. There is no separate assessment for the Performance Element. All writing occurs under the Performance Objective Assessments tab.



New Format - Single Assessment Option

RATING OFFICIAL VIEW





New Format - Single Assessment Option

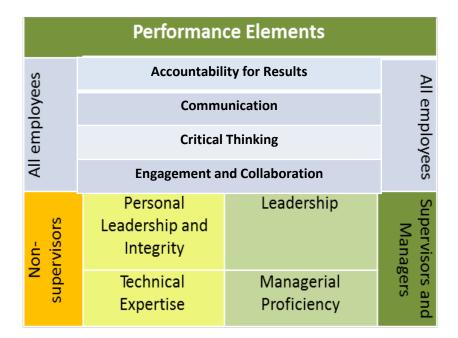
RATING OFFICIAL VIEW

Rating officials will rate each Performance Element individually under the 'Performance Element Assessments tab. All Writing occurs under the Performance ▶Snow Employee Details Objective Assessments tab. Midpoint Review Performance Evaluation Reports/Forms Manage Guest Participants Performance Plan Mock Pay Pool Info Performance Objective Assessments Performance Element Assessments Performance Evaluation Rating Reviewing Official Comments Approvals & Acknowledgments Performance Element Assessments Need Help? Annual Appraisal - DCIPS Appraisal Period Start Date 01-Oct-2015 Appraisal Type Appraisal Effective Date 30-Sep-2016 Appraisal Period End Date Performance Elements **A** 2 **B \$** Show All Details | Hide All Details Rating Details Order Performance Element 1 Accountability for Results V 2 Communication ~ Critical Thinking **Engagement and Collaboration** ~ 5 Personal Leadership and Integrity Technical Expertise Save and Return to Top of Page 2 Performance Element Rating **Privacy Statement**

Employee - Impact of the Single Assessment Option

Employees must:

- Link their accomplishments to each objective and element. The Rating Official must be able to clearly identify how each accomplishment relates to the approved objectives and elements (at right)
- Provide sufficient detail to clearly convey their performance and contributions. This will help guide the Rating Official to determine the rating for each objective and element
- Specifically cite examples and provide a thorough description within their self-report of accomplishments.





Rater - Impact of the Single Assessment Option

Rating Officials must:

- Prepare a brief narrative evaluation of the employee's accomplishments for each objective
 and element with appropriate consideration of the employee's self-report of accomplishments.
 The effects of the employee's accomplishments on the organizational goals and objectives
 should also be addressed.
- Assign an individual numerical rating to each objective and element.

Additional information:

- The PAA "midpoint performance review" design will continue to require the employee and rating official to address each objective and element <u>individually</u> even though the single assessment option for the performance evaluation is implemented.
- The employee and rating official character limitation for their narrative assessments will be reduced from approximately 18,000 to 6,000 characters.



How to Structure the Self-Assessment

Combined Narrative: Individual objectives with integrated performance elements discussed in the objective narrative.

Obj 1: Insert Narrative and include associated Performance Elements

Obj 2: Insert Narrative and include associated Performance Elements

Obj 3: Insert Narrative and include associated Performance Elements

Required Format – Employee Self Assessment

Objective # must be referenced



Obj 1: Throughout the rating cycle I produced weekly examination documentation to include Technical Reports and data entry projects. My reports demonstrated my ability to write concisely and edit technical documents to ensure clarity of message and include the appropriate supporting evidence. My work supported DoD directives and standards and incorporated customer feedback. My work successfully satisfied the requirements of this objective. In an effort to meet timelines for technical reports and action items, I created an internal reports database that was used across the organization to ensure tasks were completed within required timelines.

I was able to utilize my expertise from the Access Database class that I attended to create this database contributing towards accountability for results and technical expertise elements.



<u>Identify the element(s) that best describes how the objective was accomplished</u>

All objectives must be individually addressed.

All six elements must be referenced collectively.

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Rating Official Assessment

Objective # must be referenced

Insert the applicable Performance Objective Rating Descriptor





Obj 1: (Employee name) achieved the expected results on the assigned objective.

"The rating official assessment should cite examples and take appropriate consideration of the employee's self-report. The assessment should reference and reinforce the performance elements highlighting the accomplishments consistent with the IC standards."

The assessment should also highlight additional accomplishments the employee may not have addressed within their self-report.

If performance is Successful, Level 3, these words are not appropriate within an assessment: outstanding, excellent, exceptional, superb performance, huge impact, tremendous performance, grand achievement, flawless, impressive

If performance is above Successful, Level 3, cites examples, accomplishments and the impact to the overall DSS mission.

All objectives must be individually assessed.

Writing Assessments

- The evaluation is an opportunity to highlight the employee's most significant work achievements and contribution made through the self-assessment and rater assessment.
- The single assessment forces brevity and consolidation Get to the point!
- Avoid narratives that merely come across as activity lists (WAR reports) or as recipes of process steps.
- Tell the story about what compelled the action, how the action was conceived, how the action was progressed, and ultimately why it mattered that the action was done at all.

Writing Assessments

Context (circumstances) and Impact (influence) and Importance (why it matters)

- With limited space (6K characters) it is imperative to concisely highlight accomplishments and link them to the performance objectives and elements in assessment narratives.
- Remember, "successful" performance does not require substantive support. Performance above or below "successful" does. That's where *Context* and *Impact* matter.
- The "SAR" model: **Situation, Action, Result** may help to use this format to structure assessments.
- The next set of slides depicts a sample assessment written for the "Single Assessment." It's meant to give a visual example as a point of reference.



Illustrated Example: Objective

Throughout the rating cycle employee will produce quality examination documentation to include Technical Report, data entry, examination report, & any required supporting documents/email. This is measured against such things as the ability to recognize actionable information; vetting information; supporting evidence; clarity & precision of message & presentation; concise writing for content & impact; and technical editing. This objective is further measured in accordance with DoD standards and organizational goals.





Sample Employee Self-Assessment Combined Narrative

NOTE: Includes a simple statement about meeting requirements. Cites the creation of a database and application of new skills to assist is completing job functions. From the performance objective, this shows taking action to achieve meaningful results in support of organizational goals and objectives and participation in professional development activities to expand professional knowledge. No elaboration on impact, context, or why any of it matters.

Obj 1: I was able to utilize my expertise from the Access Database class to create a database that was used across the organization to ensure tasks were completed within required timelines. This contributed towards accountability for results and technical expertise elements.

Proposed Rating: 3



Sample Employee Self-Assessment Combined Narrative

NOTE: Opens with level of achievement supported by statements showing the application of training competency to compensate for staffing shortage to maintain decision-making ops tempo within the Directorate and taking ownership of outcomes under challenging circumstances. Providing context, impact, and why it mattered.

Obj 1: My ability to recognize and vet supporting information to determine gaps in the analysis led me to incorporate substantive evidence in my analysis to further clarify my position. This lead to better decision making capability. In an effort to meet timelines for technical reports and action items, I leveraged my expertise from the Access Database class that I attended to create an internal reports database that was utilized Directorate-wide to ensure tasks were prioritized and completed within required timelines. This enabled me or anyone to generate status reports for leadership update on the completion of all actions, compensating for being understaffed while providing real-time, up-to-date information for decision making needs. My work contributed towards the accountability for results and technical expertise elements.

Proposed Rating: 4



Sample Rater Assessment Combined Narrative

NOTE: Includes a simple statement about meeting requirements and indicator language pulled from the IC Performance Standards without examples.

Obj 1: Mr. Smith achieved expected results on the assigned objective. He self-edited and evaluated reports for clarity of message. He took responsibility for his actions and sought resolution. He prioritized his work to complete assignments in a timely and effective manner, and with minimal guidance, applied professional knowledge, tradecraft, and subject matter expertise to perform assigned work activities satisfying the accountability for results and technical expertise elements.

Proposed Rating: 3



Sample Rater Assessments Combined Narrative

NOTE: Uses impact statements showing why the weekly report mattered. Proactive identification RE: need and development of the database and its benefit promoting the decision making process and securing leadership approval of recommendations speaks to surpassing expected objective results and mastery of key behaviors associated with the named elements.

Obj 1: Mr. Smith surpassed expected results in a substantial manner on the objective. His weekly reports demonstrated his ability to vet information to determine gaps in the analysis and incorporate supporting evidence. This was crucial since we we're down three staff members and the more "reliable" and "valid" the analysis the less manpower it took to make necessary program decisions. He took the initiative and created an internal database to track and prioritize tasks, significantly increasing the capture of vital information. This innovation provided an efficient way to increase the capture of vital information and aid in the decision making process to determine what is actionable and provide the necessary substantiating support to inform and garner approval from leadership to move forward on recommendations. His work exceeded expectations for the objective and contributed to the accountability for results and technical expertise elements. **Proposed Rating: 4**

Resources

- □ DoDI 1400.25, V2011, "DCIPS Performance Management"
- Army Policy Volume 2011, "DCIPS Performance Management"
- Guide to Writing Effective Performance Objectives, Self Accomplishments, and Evaluations
- □ How Do I...A Guide to Completing Key Actions in the DCIPS PAA
- DCIPS Training



Questions





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