PERFORMANCE CONVERSATION OVERVIEW

All Regular employees and their managers meet twice per year to discuss six open-ended questions, focusing on employee accomplishments, goals, and opportunities for growth and development. Conversations are summarized in the Perform system.

Performance Conversation Windows:
January 15 – March 15
September 15 – November 15

Performance Conversation Questions:

1. Do you feel you are important to the success of your team? Yes, Somewhat or No. Please elaborate. What could you or someone else do that might increase your feeling of importance to the success of the team?
2. What accomplishments have you had since our last performance conversation? What do you hope to accomplish before our next performance conversation?
3. What steps will you take to develop professionally within your current role before our next performance conversation? How can I help you in this process?
4. What challenges are you facing today? How can your natural strengths and talents be used to overcome these challenges?
5. Do my supervisor and I think my accomplishments align with what is expected for this position and our unit’s priorities? Yes, Somewhat, or No. Please explain.
6. How can I help you be your best?

Performance Conversation Process:

1. Employee schedules conversation
2. Employee and manager separately prep for conversation (do not submit notes in Perform)
3. Face-to-face conversation takes place
4. Employee summarizes conversation in Perform and submits to manager
5. Manager reviews summary, adds comments and returns to employee
6. Employee acknowledges manager’s review

Helpful Tips:

Don’t discuss any answers prior to face-to-face conversation

Recognize accomplishments and discuss challenges

Don’t add new comments when completing summary

Work to keep answers fresh

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PERFORMANCE CONVERSATION CYCLE

1. Performance Conversation Window Opens

2. Employee Schedules Conversation

3. Employee and Manager Prep Separately for Conversation

4. Face-to-Face Conversation

5. Employee Summarizes Conversation in Trakstar Perform

6. Manager Reviews Summary and Adds Comments

7. Employee Acknowledges Manager’s Review

Performance Conversation Windows
January 15 – March 15
September 15 – November 15

Merit Form Window
March 1 – March 31

Merit Conversation Window
June 1 – June 30

Year-Round Considerations:

- Daily Observations
- Note Accomplishments & Challenges
- Regular Check-ins
- Feedback from Customers
- Performance Improvement Conversations (if needed)

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