

## Henrico County 2021 General Government Employee Pay Adjustments Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. What employee pay adjustments are planned for general government employees for 2021?
  - A 2% wage adjustment that will be effective on April 10, 2021.
  - A market adjustment for specifically targeted job classifications will be also effective on April 10, 2021.
  - A 1-step (2.372%) merit-based pay increase for eligible employees will be effective on June 19, 2021.
  - A longevity adjustment for eligible employees is planned for October 2021.

## 2. What is a wage adjustment?

- A wage adjustment is a pay increases that is approved as a percentage that is added directly to the pay plans. It increases the value of each step in each pay grade in each pay plan.
- For a wage adjustment, an employee's step does not change. The pay amount of the employee's step and pay is simply increased by the amount of the approved percentage.
- Wage adjustments increase the pay grade minimum pay rate (step 1) and the maximum pay rate (step 27) to help keep County pay range competitive with other metro locality ranges.
- 3. Who will receive the 2% wage adjustment?
  - All full and part-time general government and HCPS employees will receive the 2% pay increase.
- 4. When will the wage adjustment be effective and when will I see it?
  - The 2% wage adjustment for general government employees will be effective on April 10, 2021 and in the April 30<sup>th</sup> paycheck.
- 5. What is a market adjustment?
  - A change in a job classifications' assigned pay grade based on specific local market circumstances and conditions.
  - These 2021 markets adjustments follow the current promotion policy to help address pay lag as well as pay range lag.
- 6. Who will the market adjustment increase apply to?
  - Market adjustments were specifically targeted to address specific pay-related challenges:
    - Sworn police personnel, sworn fire personnel, sworn sheriff personnel
    - Teachers, Associate/Assistant Principals, School RN's
    - General government and HCPS employees in job classifications that lagged neighboring localities' range minimums by more than \$2,000; and employees in job classifications that lagged the County's goal of a minimum pay rate that meets or exceeds Virginia's upcoming minimum wage changes.



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- 7. When will the market adjustment increase be effective?
  - Market adjustments for general government employees will be effective on April 10, 2021 and in the April 30<sup>th</sup> paycheck.
- 8. Who will be eligible for the merit-based 1-step increase?
  - Full and part time general government and HCPS employees who do not receive a market adjustment will be eligible to receive a merit-based 1-step pay increase of 2.372%.
  - Employees who receive a market adjustment in April are not eligible for the merit-based 1-step pay increase on June 19, 2021.
  - Employees who have received a market adjustment in fiscal year 2020-21 are not eligible for the 1-step merit-based pay increase on June 19, 2021.
- 9. When will the 1-step merit increase be effective?
  - The 1-step merit increase for general government employees will be effective on June 19, 2021 and will be in the July 9, 2021 paycheck.
- 10. How are the longevity-based pay increase amounts determined?
  - By the employee's Length of Service (LOS) with Henrico County as of January 1, 2021:
    - 10-14.99 years LOS = 1 step merit increase (2.372%)
    - 15-19.99 years LOS = 2 step merit increase (4.8%)
    - 20-24.99 years LOS = 3 step merit increase (7.286%)
    - 25+ years LOS = 4 step merit increase (9.8%)
- 11. How is an employee's length of service (LOS) determined?
  - An employee's LOS is determined by the employee's date of full-time or permanent parttime employment with Henrico County or HCPS through January 1, 2021
  - Length of service does not include similar service with other localities and other employers.
- 12. How will I know what my increases are and what my new salary will be?
  - The IT Department developed a personalized dashboard for employees to use to determine how the proposed changes will impact their salary.
  - You can access your dashboard by clicking on this <u>link</u>.
  - Log in to Oracle, open the Employee Direct Access folder and you will find a link labeled Proposed Employee Compensation Plan. This link will take you to a page that will show you how the salary adjustment will impact you.



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- 13. What if I want to double check my new pay rates in the new pay plan? Where can I find it?
  - The updated pay plans will be published after the Board of Supervisors officially votes to approve all the proposed pay adjustments. Please allow one week after Board approval.
  - All updated pay plans will be available 24/7 online at: https://henricova.sharepoint.com/hr/SitePages/Pay-Plan.aspx
- 14. Do the Proposed Employee Pay Adjustments affect any current policies?
  - Yes, Policy 4.3 Interpretation and Effect on Employee's Rate of Pay is being updated to reflect changes to the way promotions, reclassifications, regrades, pay increases, and temporary reassignments are implemented.
  - <u>Policy 4.3</u> will be available online 24/7 via the <u>Employee Portal</u> My Workplace <u>Policies</u> and <u>Procedures</u> after the changes have final approval.
- 15. When will the policies changes be effective?
  - Policy changes will be effective the pay period following approval by the Board of Supervisors.
- 16. Who do I contact if I have questions about my pay adjustments?
  - All questions will be filtered through your supervisor to your agency head and then to the Director of HR.