



Newfoundland & Labrador

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

### DIRECTIVE

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<b>Effective Date:</b> June 30, 2009	<b>Commission Minute:</b> CM 2009 - 043
<b>Subject:</b> Revised Guidelines for Temporary Replacement of Constituency Assistants, June 30, 2009	<b>Reference:</b> HOAMC Meeting, June 24, 2009 Agenda Item 17
<b>Issued To:</b> All Members of the House of Assembly; Comptroller General; Directors of Government Accounting, Professional Services and Internal Audit, OMSP, and Corporate Services; Office of the Auditor General; Office Managers of Government Caucus, Official Opposition Caucus, NDP Caucus; Assistant Deputy Clerk, Executive Council; Director of Operations, Office of the Premier.	<b>Contact:</b> Marlene Lambe Chief Financial Officer 729 – 2923

### BACKGROUND

The guidelines adopted by **CM 2008 – 024** respecting temporary replacements for Constituency Assistants established the following provisions respecting training for the replacements:

*On-the-job training may be provided for up to 2 days for Members whose Constituency Assistants work in constituency offices outside the Confederation Building and for up to 1 day for Members whose Constituency Assistants work in constituency offices in the Confederation Building. Members should make best efforts to re-hire the same individual to act as replacement staff in order to reduce the on-the-job training days required.*

At its June 24, 2009 meeting, the Commission approved an amendment to the guidelines such that up to 2 days on-the-job training may be provided to replacement Constituency Assistants who work in offices not in a designated caucus area.

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The Commission amended the Guidelines for Replacement of Constituency Assistants to provide for on-the-job training for up to 2 days for Members whose Constituency Assistants work in constituency offices which are not located in the designated caucus areas.

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Clerk of the House of Assembly

## 1.0 Introduction

A Member of the House of Assembly may need to engage a temporary replacement for a Constituency Assistant due to vacation, illness or other reasons which the Speaker deems to be acceptable.

## 2.0 Purpose

The guidelines are developed to ensure consistency and appropriateness in the hiring of replacement workers.

## 3.0 Temporary Replacements for Constituency Assistants

- A Member may hire a temporary replacement when the regular constituency assistant is on sick leave or vacation for a period of one day or longer.
- On-the-job training may be provided for up to 2 days for Members whose Constituency Assistants work in constituency offices which are not located in designated caucus areas and for up to 1 day for Members whose Constituency Assistants work in constituency offices in the Confederation Building. Members should make best efforts to re-hire the same individual to act as replacement staff in order to reduce the on-the-job training days required.
- The prior approval of the Speaker should be obtained, where practical.
- The Member must complete the required payroll form, available at Corporate and Members' Services Division, and forward to:

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Manager, Human Resources Services and Payroll Administration  
Corporate and Members' Services Division

- The form should indicate the number of days for which a replacement is expected to be required.
- If the prior approval of Speaker is not possible, the Member must complete the required form as soon as possible and forward to the Corporate and Members' Services Division so that the replacement worker can be placed on payroll.
- The replacement Constituency Assistant will start at **Step 1 of the PS04 Pay Scale** and will be paid through normal payroll process. (Note: Depending on the payroll period cutoff dates, the employee may have to wait up to 3 weeks to receive first payment.)

## 4.0 References

Subsection 26(5) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*.