

How Do I...

A Guide to Completing Key Actions in DCIPS Performance Appraisal Application (PAA) Tool



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Using the Guide

Based on your role, *How Do I . . . : A Guide to Completing Key Actions in DCIPS PAA* provides step-by-step instruction for planning, managing, and rating performance. The guide is organized into eight sections:

- Section 1: Employee - How Do I . . .
- Section 2: Rating Official - How Do I . . .
- Section 3: Reviewing Official - How Do I . . .
- Section 4: Guest Rater - How Do I . . .
- Section 5: Guest Reviewer - How Do I . . .
- Section 6: Trusted Agent - How Do I . . .
- Section 7: Pay Pool Administrator - How Do I . . .
- Section 8: Troubleshooting

For the information to be most useful to you, refer to the appropriate section as you complete key activities. Each activity begins from the Performance Appraisal Application main page or from the specified Navigator menu and provides the most efficient way to complete the activity.

An important reminder: Online help is available by selecting the Need Help link on each PAA page.

Accessing the Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS) Performance Appraisal Application (PAA)

Employees can access DCIPS PAA through My Biz.

Rating officials access DCIPS PAA through My Workplace to manage and rate their employees.

If you do not have a My Biz or My Workplace account, contact your human resources administrator for assistance.

Important Dates

Establish an approved performance plan: The performance plan should be completed by October 31 or within 30 days of being assigned to a DCIPS position.

Complete a Midpoint Review: The Midpoint Review is usually conducted in April, six months after the performance cycle begins. Components have discretion regarding the involvement of reviewing officials.

Complete an annual performance evaluation (Annual Appraisal - DCIPS):

- No later than (NLT) 15 days after the close of the evaluation period – Employees complete their self-assessment (also known as a self-accomplishment report) and transfer it to their rating officials.

- NLT 30 days after the close of the evaluation period – Rating officials complete their recommended evaluations of record and transfer them to their reviewing officials for approval.
- NLT 45 days after the close of the evaluation period – Reviewing officials approve the recommended evaluations and ratings and return the approved evaluations and ratings to rating officials, who return the approved evaluations and ratings to employees for acknowledgment. Note: The PM PRA must review the ratings before the reviewing officials return approved ratings to the Rating Official.

Complete a Closeout - DCIPS Performance Evaluation of Record (Closeout-DCIPS) – If the employee and/or rating official is changing and the change occurs before 90 days from the end of the performance cycle, an closeout evaluation of record is conducted. Consult with your Component or organization regarding specific timing requirements.

Complete a Closeout – Early Annual - DCIPS Performance Evaluation (Closeout-Early Annual-DCIPS) – If the employee and/or rating official is changing and the change occurs within 90 days of the end of the performance cycle, an early annual evaluation of record is conducted. Consult with your Component or organization regarding specific requirements.

An important note: The processing of a performance plan or an evaluation of record is sequential and ownership of the performance plan and evaluation of record passes between the employee, evaluator and reviewer. It is important to understand that changes to the performance plan or evaluation of record cannot be accomplished by any of these three who do not own the plan in the PAA.

Section 1: Employee – How Do I . . .

An important note: The first time the ‘Go’ button is selected for ‘Create New Plan’ or ‘View’ or ‘Update’ on the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page after selecting the Performance Appraisal Application (PAA) link, an ‘Unclassified Information Only’ page will display. You must agree that you will not enter any classified information by checking the box and selecting the ‘Continue’ button in order to continue.

Employee Performance Plan

Create or Copy My Performance Plan?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select ‘Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System’ from the ‘Choose a Plan Type’ drop-down menu.
3. Select the ‘Go’ link to display the *Create Performance Plan: Setup Details* page.
4. Review the information and make any necessary changes to the default values.
5. Select the ‘Build New Performance Plan’ link or ‘Copy an Existing Performance Plan’ link.
6. Select one of the following:
 - Select the ‘Next’ link to continue the ‘Build New Performance Plan’ process.
 - Select the ‘Find’ link after entering search criteria, select the ‘Copy’ link for the performance plan to be copied and then confirm your wish to copy the performance plan identified by selecting ‘Yes’ to continue the ‘Copy an Existing Performance Plan’ process.
 - Select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Add Mission/Strategic Goals?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an existing performance plan by selecting ‘Update’ from the ‘Action’ drop-down menu for the plan and select the ‘Go’ link.
3. Select the *Mission Goals* tab.
4. Enter your organization’s goals and priorities.

If information is not included about your component’s goals and priorities, employees are encouraged to provide this information. It helps you write effective performance objectives that align with your component’s mission goals and priorities.

You may type directly into the text box or copy and paste from another document. You may select the ‘Spell Check’ button to check the spelling of the text.

5. Select the ‘Next’ link or Performance Objectives tab to continue with the process, or select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Add Performance Objectives?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
 - Open an existing performance plan:
 - Select 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the performance plan listed.
 - Select the 'Go' link.
3. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab.
4. Select the 'Add Performance Objective' link to create a new performance objective.
5. Enter a meaningful performance objective title.
6. Change the start date if the default value is incorrect.
7. Enter your draft performance objective text. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
8. Select one of the following links:
 - Select 'Save' periodically to save the performance objective and continue writing.
 - Select 'Save and Add Another Performance Objective' to save and begin writing another performance objective.
 - Select 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab' when you are finished entering performance objectives.
9. After you have completed adding performance objectives and selected 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab,' select the 'Next' link to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Delete Performance Objectives?

Note: You may not delete a performance objective once it is approved by your Rating and Reviewing Officials.

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the plan listed.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab to list your performance objectives.
5. Select the 'Delete' icon for the performance objective you want to delete.
6. Select the 'Next' link to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Update Performance Objectives?

Note: You may not update an approved performance objective. Changes to approved objectives must be made by your Rating Official. Employees can add new performance objectives after the performance plan has been approved.

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open your current performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab to list your performance objectives.
5. Select the 'Update' link for the performance objective you want to update.
6. Update any of the performance objective information:
 - Performance objective title
 - Start date
 - Performance objective text
7. Select one of the following links when your performance objective information is complete:
 - Select 'Save' to save the performance objective and continue writing.
 - Select 'Save and Update Another Performance Objective' to save and begin updating another performance objective.
 - Select 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab' when you are finished updating performance objectives.
8. After you have completed updating performance objectives and selected 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab,' select the 'Next' link to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

View My Performance Elements?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open your current performance plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the Performance Elements tab to list your performance elements.
5. After you have completed viewing your performance elements, select the 'Next' link to continue to the next tab, select the 'Return to Main Page' link to continue the process or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Transfer My Performance Plan to My Rating Official?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select 'Transfer to Rating Official' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the performance plan listed. You may also transfer your performance plan to your Rating Official by selecting the 'Transfer to Rating Official' button in upper right hand corner of screen at any time during the process.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Write an e-mail message to the rating official indicating that you are transferring the performance plan. The 'Spell Check' button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
5. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link at the top of the *E-Mail Notification* page.

Acknowledge My Performance Plan?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open your current performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Plan* tab, followed by *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
5. In 'Step 4: Employee Acknowledgment,' select the 'Acknowledge Receipt' link.
6. Select the 'Return to Main Page' link to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Track Progress of My Performance Plan During the Performance Cycle?

1. Begin at the Performance Appraisal Application main page.
2. Open your performance plan by selecting the 'Go' link next to either 'Update' or 'View' in the 'Action' column.
3. Select the 'Track Progress' link.
4. Select the 'Return to Previous' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

OR

5. Begin at the Performance Appraisal Application main page.
6. Select 'Track Progress' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for your current performance plan.
7. Select the 'Go' link.
8. Select the 'Return to Previous' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Midpoint Review

Create My Self-Assessment for My Midpoint Review?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application Main page*.
2. Open your current performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop down menu for the plan listed.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Plan Approved.'
4. Select the *Midpoint Review tab*.
5. Select the 'Create Midpoint Review' link.
6. Select the *Performance Objective Assessments tab*.
7. Select the radio button for the performance objective for which you want to write an assessment.
8. Enter your self-assessment into the 'Employee Self Assessment' box. You may copy and paste this data into the appropriate box from MS Word or 'My Journal'. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 until each assessment is complete.
10. Select the *Performance Element Assessments tab*.
11. Select the radio button for the performance element for which you want to write an assessment.
12. Enter your self-assessment into the 'Employee Self Assessment' box. You may copy and paste this data into the appropriate box from MS Word or 'My Journal'. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 until each assessment is complete.
14. Select the 'Return to Midpoint Reviews' link at the top of the screen when you have completed entering your self-assessment for all your performance objectives and performance elements.
15. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link on the *Midpoint Review tab* to transfer your midpoint review to your rating official.
16. Type an e-mail message to your rating official requesting a review. The 'Spell Check' button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
17. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link at the top of the *E-Mail Notification page*.

Acknowledge My Completed Midpoint Review?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application main page*.
2. Open your current performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS PAA status will be 'Midpoint in Progress.'

4. Select the *Midpoint Review* tab and 'Update' button, followed by *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
5. In 'Step 4: Employee Acknowledgment,' select the 'Acknowledge Receipt' link.
6. Select the 'Return to Midpoint Reviews' link to continue, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Performance Evaluation (Annual Appraisal – DCIPS, Closeout – Early Annual – DCIPS, or Closeout - DCIPS)

Create My Self-Assessment?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open your current performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS PAA status will be 'Midpoint Review Completed' or 'Plan Approved.'
4. Check 'Appraisal Type' field from the *Performance Plan Details* tab to ensure correct type has been selected - either 'Annual Appraisal - DCIPS', 'Closeout - Early Annual - DCIPS' or 'Closeout - DCIPS'. If incorrect, select the appropriate type.
5. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab followed by *Performance Objective Assessments* tab.
6. Select the radio button for the performance objective for which you want to write an assessment.
7. Type your self-assessment into the 'Employee Self Assessment' box. You may copy and paste this data into the appropriate box from MS Word or 'My Journal'. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
8. Select the *Performance Element Assessments* tab.
9. Select the radio button for the performance element for which you want to write an assessment.
10. Type your self-assessment into the 'Employee Self Assessment' box. You may copy and paste this data into the appropriate box from MS Word or 'My Journal'. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
11. When you have completed entering your self-assessment for all your performance objectives and performance elements, transfer your performance evaluation to your rating official by selecting the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link at the top of the page.
12. Type an e-mail message to your rating official requesting a review. The 'Spell Check' button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
13. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link at the top of the *E-Mail Notification* page.

Acknowledge My Completed Performance Evaluation?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.

2. Open your current performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab.
5. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
6. In 'Step 4: Employee Acknowledgment,' select the 'Acknowledge Receipt' link. Click 'OK' when the Confirmation notice is received.
7. Select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

View My Completed Performance Evaluation?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select the 'Show Completed Plans/Appraisals' link.
3. Enter the Year in the Appraisal Year and select 'DCIPS Performance Evaluation' from the list of values for the Event to limit your search.
4. Select the 'Find' button.
5. Select the Printer icon under the Reports/Forms column for the DCIPS Performance Evaluation.
6. Click the box to the left of 'Select /Deselect All' to view/print both the evaluation and the guest feedback or click the box to the left of 'DCIPS Closeout or DCIPS Performance Evaluation' to view/print only the DD Form 2906D.
7. Select 'View/Print Selected Sections' button in lower right hand corner of screen to view and/or print the report.
8. Select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Mock Self-Assessment

Update or View My Mock Self-Assessment?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. *Since you do not have to have ownership of your record to write your mock self-assessment*, open your performance plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' button.
4. Select the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab.

Note: The Performance Plan must be approved before the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab is available. The *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab will only be available from February 1st through August 31st.

5. Select the *Mock Performance Objectives* tab.
6. Select 'Import Midpoint Review' to copy the information from your midpoint.
Note: If you did not complete a midpoint self-assessment, you cannot use this option.
Or
7. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective text.
8. Enter your self-assessment into the 'Employee Mock Self Assessment' box. You may copy and paste this data into the appropriate box from MS Word or 'My Journal'.
9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 until each assessment is complete.
10. Select the *Mock Performance Elements* tab.
11. Select the radio button for the performance element for which you want to write an assessment.
12. Type your self-assessment into the 'Employee Mock Self Assessment' box. You may copy and paste this data into the appropriate box from MS Word or 'My Journal'.
13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 until each assessment is complete.
14. Select the 'Return to Main Page' button to start a new process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Document Completion of My Mock Self-Assessment?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. *Since you do not have to have ownership of your record to document completion of your mock self-assessment*, open your Performance Plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' button.
4. Select the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab.
5. Select the *Mock Approvals and Acknowledgments* tab.
6. Select the 'Complete' button to document completion of your mock self-assessment.
Note: Once you have documented completion of your mock self-assessment, you will not be allowed to make any changes unless your rating official requests a change.
7. Select the 'Show' link to view the date you completed your mock self-assessment.
8. Select the 'Return to Main Page' button to begin a new process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

View My Completed Mock Self-Assessment?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open your Performance Plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' button.

4. Select the *Reports/Forms* tab
5. Select 'Mock Report' as Report type
6. Select Performance Elements with Mock Assessments and Performance Objectives with Mock Assessments.
7. Select 'View/Print Selected Sections' button in lower right hand corner of screen to view and/or print report. OR
8. Select the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab.
9. Select the *Mock Performance Objectives* tab to view both employee mock self assessments and rating official mock assessments for each performance objective.
10. Select the *Mock Performance Elements* tab to view both employee mock self assessments and rating official mock assessments for each performance element.
11. Select the 'Return to Main Page' button to begin a new process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Section 2 – Rating Official – How Do I . . .

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Performance Plan

Create or Copy an Employee’s Performance Plan?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Create a new performance plan by selecting ‘Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System’ from the ‘Choose a Plan Type’ drop-down menu.
3. Select the ‘Go’ link, which displays the employees in your hierarchy.
4. Identify the employee for whom you wish to create a plan and select ‘Create’ from the Performance Plan column.
5. Review the *Setup Details* information and make any necessary changes to the default values in the performance plan setup details.
 - If the information is not correct:
 - Select the correct appraisal type from the list of values.
 - Select the Calendar icon next to the appraisal period start date to change it
 - Select a new appraisal period start date.
 - Select the Calendar icon next to the appraisal period end date to change it
 - Select a new appraisal period end date.
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the name of the rating official or higher level reviewer if you need to change them.
6. Select the ‘Build New Performance Plan’ link or the ‘Copy an Existing Performance Plan’ link.
7. Select one of the following:
 - Select the ‘Next’ link to continue the ‘Build New Performance Plan’ process.
 - Select the ‘Find’ link after entering search criteria, select the ‘Copy’ link for the performance plan to be copied and then confirm your wish to copy the performance plan identified by selecting ‘Yes’ to continue the ‘Copy an Existing Performance Plan’ process.

Note: You must be the Rating Official on the Performance Plan in order to be able to use the copy function.

- Select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Copy Employee's Current Performance Plan for Next Rating Cycle on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Copy Employee's Current Plan for Next Rating Cycle' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter the current Rating Official's name and click the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees to select from.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS Plan Status of 'Approved' will appear.

6. Complete the Plan Setup Details and select the 'Copy' button to execute the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official what plans were successfully created for the next rating cycle.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Copy One Active Performance Plan to Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Copy One Active Plan to Multiple Employees' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
5. Select the Plan to Copy by entering the Employee Name or Appraisal ID of the plan you wish to copy, select the 'Find' button, select the record and then select the 'Next' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS Plan Status of 'Approved' will appear.

6. Complete the Plan Setup Details and select the 'Copy' button to execute the action.

7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official what plans were successfully created.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Update Performance Plan Details?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an existing performance plan:
 - Select the 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee whose performance plan you wish to update.
 - Select the 'Go' link.
 - Review the information in *Performance Plan Details* to ensure it is correct.
 - If the information is not correct:
 - Select the correct Appraisal Type from the list of values.
 - Select the Calendar icon next to the Appraisal Period Start Date to change it.
 - Select a new appraisal period start date.
 - Select the Calendar icon next to the Appraisal Period End Date to change it.
 - Select a new appraisal period end date.
 - Select the 'Change Rating Official and/or Higher Level Reviewer' link.
 - Select Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the Rating Official Name or Higher Level Reviewer if you want to change them.
 - Select the 'Save and Return to Performance Plan Details' link to continue with the process.
3. Select the 'Next' link to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Add Mission Goals?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an existing performance plan:
 - Select the 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu, and select the 'Go' link.
3. Select the *Mission Goals* tab.
4. Enter your organization's goals and priorities.

If information is not included about your organization's goals and priorities, you are encouraged to provide this information. It helps your employees write effective performance objectives that align with your organization's goals and priorities.

You may type directly into the text box or copy and paste from another document. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.

5. Select the 'Next' link or *Performance Objectives* tab to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Add Performance Objectives?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab.
5. Select the 'Add Performance Objective' link to create a new performance objective.
6. Enter the performance objective title.
7. Change the start date if the default value is incorrect.
8. Enter your performance objective text. You may type directly into the text box or copy and paste from another document. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
9. Select one of the following links:
 - Select 'Save' periodically to save the performance objective and continue writing.
 - Select 'Save and Add Another Performance Objective' to save and begin writing another performance objective.
 - Select 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab' when you are finished entering performance objectives.
10. After you have completed adding performance objectives and selected 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab,' select the 'Next' link or *Performance Elements* tab to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Delete Performance Objectives?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab to list the employee's performance objectives.
5. Select the Delete icon for the performance objective you want to delete.
6. Select the 'Next' link to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Note: Approved performance objectives can be deleted by the rating official, but the performance plan will require re-approval.

Update Performance Objectives?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab to list the employee's performance objectives.
5. Select the 'Update' link for the performance objective you want to update.
6. Update any of the performance objective information.
 - Performance objective title
 - Start date
 - Performance objective text
7. Select one of the following links:
 - Select 'Save' to save the performance objective and continue writing.
 - Select 'Save and Update Another Performance Objective' to save and begin updating another performance objective.
 - Select 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab' when you are finished updating performance objectives.
8. After you have completed updating performance objectives and selected 'Save and Return to Performance Objectives Tab,' select the 'Next' link or another tab to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Note: Approved performance objectives can be updated, but the performance plan must be re-approved.

Approve Performance Objectives?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Plan in Progress.'
4. Review employee's performance plan details and mission goals by selecting the *Performance Plan* tab, followed by *Performance Plan Details* tab and then the *Mission Goals* tab.
5. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab to list and review the employee's performance objectives.
6. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective text.

7. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
8. Select the 'Start' link in 'Step 1: Rating Official Request or Document Higher Level Review.'
9. To request higher level review, choose option A. If you are both the Rating Official and the Reviewing Official, use option B.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Enter a notification message to the reviewing official.
 - Select the 'Transfer to Higher Level Reviewer' link.
10. After transfer to the reviewing official, current PAA status will be 'Plan Pending HLR Review '.
11. Select another employee's PAA for action from the Performance Appraisal Application main page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.
12. To document higher level review, choose option B.
 - Enter the review date.
 - Enter the method of review. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Select the 'Save' link.
 - Certify that the printed copy of the appraisal form accurately presents the performance plan as seen by and approved by the Reviewing Official and the Reviewing Official has signed the appraisal form by selecting 'Yes'.
13. In 'Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication (of Plan) to Employee', select 'Start' or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Re-Approve Performance Objectives?

Note: Re-approval is required when updates are made to the approved performance objectives or additional performance objectives are added to an approved performance plan.

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.

Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Plan Approved' since it was previously approved.

3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab to list and review the employee's performance objectives.

5. Select 'Show' under the Details column next to each performance objective to display the performance objective or select the 'Update' link under the Action column to make any desired changes.
6. Select the *Re-Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
 - In 'Step 1: Rating Official Request or Document Higher Level Review (If Required)' - NOTE: If not required, Go to Step 3', select the 'Start' link if higher level review is required. If required:
7. To request higher level review, choose option A. If you are both the Rating Official and the Reviewing Official, use option B.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Enter a notification message to the reviewing official.
 - Select the 'Transfer to Higher Level Reviewer' link.
8. To document higher level review, choose option B.
 - Enter the review date.
 - Enter the method of review. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Select the 'Save' link.
 - Certify that the printed copy of the appraisal form accurately presents the performance plan as seen by and approved by the reviewing official and the reviewing official has signed the appraisal form by selecting 'Yes'.
9. In 'Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to Employee', select the 'Start' link or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

View the Performance Elements?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Elements* tab to list the performance elements.
5. After you have completed viewing the performance elements, select the 'Next' link to continue to the next tab, select the 'Return to Main Page' link to continue the process or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Request or Document Reviewing Official Approval?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.

3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Plan in Progress'.
4. Select the *Performance Plan* tab, followed by *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
5. Select the 'Start' link in 'Step 1: Rating Official Request or Document Higher Level Review.'
6. To request higher level review, choose option A. If you are both the Rating Official and the Reviewing Official, use option B.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Enter a notification message to the reviewing official.
 - Select the 'Transfer to Higher Level Reviewer' link.
7. To document higher level review, choose option B.
 - Enter the review date.
 - Enter the method of review. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Select the 'Save' link.
 - Certify that the printed copy of the appraisal form accurately presents the performance plan as seen by and approved by the reviewing official and the reviewing official has signed the appraisal form by selecting 'Yes'.
8. In 'Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to Employee', select the 'Start' link or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Request or Document Higher Level Review of the Plan on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the *Apply Action(s) to Multiple Employees (PAA)* link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Request or Document Higher Level Review of the Plan (Must be Current Owner)' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
Note: Only employees with the DCIPS Plan Status of 'Pending' and are currently owned by the Rating Official will appear.
5. To request higher level review, choose option A. If you are both the rating Official and Reviewing Official, use option B.

- Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Enter a notification message to the reviewing official.
 - Select the 'Transfer to Higher Level Reviewer' link.
 - Confirm the transfer of the Performance Plans to the HLR by selecting 'Yes'.
6. To document higher level review, choose option B.
- Enter the review date.
 - Enter the method of review. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Select the 'Save' link.
 - Certify that the printed copy of the appraisal form accurately presents the performance plan as seen by and approved by the reviewing official and the reviewing official has signed the appraisal form by selecting 'Yes'.
7. After completing one of the options, a Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official what plans were successfully updated.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Document Communication of the Performance Plan to the Employee after Reviewing Official Approval?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Plan Reviewed by HLR.'
4. Select the *Performance Plan* tab, followed by *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
5. Select the 'Start' link in 'Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to the Employee.'
6. Enter the date the communication to the employee occurred in the 'Communication Date' field.
7. Select the communication method from the 'Communication Method' drop-down menu. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
8. Select the 'Save and Transfer to Employee for Acknowledgment' link.
9. If desired, make changes to the notification e-mail message to the employee and select the "Transfer to Employee" link to complete the transfer.

Note: The DCIPS Current Plan Status is now 'Plan Approved.'

10. Select another employee's PAA for action from the Performance Appraisal Application Main Page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Document Communication of the Performance Plans for Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Document Communication of the Plan (Must be Current Owner)' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS Plan Status of 'Pending' and Step 2: Higher Level Review is 'Completed' currently owned by the Rating Official will appear.

5. Enter the date the communication to the employees occurred in the 'Communication Date' field.
6. Select the communication method from the 'Communication Method' drop-down menu. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
7. Select the 'Save and Transfer to Employees for Acknowledgment' link, make changes to the notification e-mail message to the employees if desired and then select the "Transfer to Employee" link to complete the transfer or select the 'Save Without Transferring to Employees for Acknowledgment' link.
8. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official what plans were successfully updated to show completion of Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to the Employee in the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab in the *Performance Plan* tab.
Note: The DCIPS Current Plan Status is now 'Plan Approved.'
9. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Retrieve a Performance Plan or Appraisal?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select 'Retrieve' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the performance plan listed.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: Performance Plans can only be retrieved if the new owner has not begun working on it.

Retrieve Plan/Appraisal from Employee for Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Retrieve Plan/Appraisal from Employee' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter your name for the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
Note: Only employees who are the current owner of their plan/appraisal will appear.
6. Select the 'Retrieve Appraisal' button to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official whether or not the plans were successfully retrieved.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Retrieve Plan/Appraisal from Reviewing Official for Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Retrieve Plan/Appraisal from Higher Level Reviewer' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter your name for the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
Note: Only the employee plans/appraisals that have been transferred to the reviewing official will appear.
6. Select the 'Retrieve Appraisal' button to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official whether or not the plans were successfully retrieved.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Change the Rating Official and Reviewing Official?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.

2. Select 'Change RO and/or HLR' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the performance plan listed.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Use the Magnifying Glass icon to change the rating official or reviewing official.
5. Select the 'Save and Continue' link to continue with the process, or select the 'Cancel' link and then the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Change the Rating Official on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Change Rating Official' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter your name for the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
6. Identify the new *Rating Official*; add comments in the Notification Comments block if desired and then click 'Save' to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official whether or not the Rating Official was successfully updated.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Change the Reviewing Official on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Change Higher Level Reviewer' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter your name for the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.

6. Identify the new *Reviewing Official*; add comments in the Notification Comments block if desired and then click 'Save' to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official whether or not the Reviewing Official was successfully updated.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Transfer to the Employee?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select 'Transfer to Employee' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the performance plan listed.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Write an e-mail message to the employee indicating that you are transferring the performance plan. The 'Spell Check' button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
5. Select the 'Transfer to Employee' link at the top or bottom of the *E-Mail Notification* page.

Note: Use this method of returning the PAA to the employee only when it needs to be returned when not part of the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* process.

Transfer to Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the *Apply Actions(s) to Multiple Employees (PAA)* link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Transfer to Employee (Must be Current Owner)' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter your name for the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
6. Add additional comments in the Notification Comments block if desired and then select 'Transfer to Employee' to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official whether or not the transfer was successful.

8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Note: Use this method of returning the PAA to the employee only when it needs to be returned when not part of the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* process.

Document Employee Acknowledgment?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the *Performance Plan* tab, followed by *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
5. Select the 'Start' link in 'Step 4: Rating Official Document Employee Acknowledgment.'
6. Select either 'Refused' or 'Other' from list of values for acknowledgment.
7. If 'Other', complete box titled 'Other'.
8. Select calendar icon to enter date.
9. Select the 'Save' link.
10. Select the 'Return to Main Page' link to continue, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Close an Erroneous Performance Plan?

Note: If the Performance Plan Status is 'Approved' or 'Modified', this process can be used to close an erroneous PAA. You must be the Current Owner of the Performance Plan.

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select 'Close' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee's performance plan to be closed.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the 'Yes' button to continue the process when the Warning message appears.
5. Select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Delete a Pending Performance Plan?

Note: If the Performance Plan Status is 'Pending', this process can be used to remove an erroneous PAA from the database. You must be the Current Owner of the Performance Plan. Use caution when using this process as the action cannot be undone.

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.

2. Select 'Delete' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee's performance plan to be deleted.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select the 'Yes' button to continue the process when the Warning message appears.
5. Select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Track Progress of the Performance Plan During the Performance Cycle for My Employees?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open your employee's performance plan by selecting the 'Go' link next to either 'Update' or 'View' in the 'Action' column.
3. Select the 'Track Progress' link.
4. Select the 'Return to Previous' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

OR

5. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
6. Select 'Track Progress' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for your employee's current performance plan.
7. Select the 'Go' link.
8. Select the 'Return to Previous' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Produce a Report Showing the Status of the Performance Plans for My Employees?

1. Select 'View/Print Performance Management Reports' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page from 'My Workplace' or 'CIV Rating Official'.
2. Enter 'Performance Plan Status Report (Rating Official) - DCIPS' for the 'Report Name' or alternatively
 - Enter '%DCIPS%' for the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Quick Select icon next to the 'Performance Plan Status Report (Rating Official) - DCIPS' Program Name

3. Enter 'Request Name' if desired and then select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
4. On the *Report: Parameters* page:
 - Enter 'Performance Year'.
 - Enter your full (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name) or partial name in 'Rating Official' and then select your name from the list that appears.
 - Enter any additional parameters to further limit the report results, if desired.
 - Select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
5. Verify the information on the *Report Request: Review* page. Select the 'Submit' link if correct.

Note: Selecting the 'Cancel' button at this point cancels the report request.

6. Click 'OK' on the information screen that appears next with the Request ID information.
7. When the Phase for your report shows as 'Completed' on the *Requests* page, right click on the Output icon and select 'Save Target As...' to save your report for viewing in Microsoft Excel or 'Open Link in New Window' to view the report prior to saving.

Note: Clicking the 'Refresh' button will update the Phase status for your report when it shows other than 'Completed'. If you exit this page prior to the status showing 'Completed', select the 'View Previous Requests' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page to return to this *Requests* page. Your report will be available for 48 hours.

8. Select the 'Home' link to exit this page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Midpoint Review

Create a Midpoint Review?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Plan Approved.'

4. Select the *Midpoint Review* tab.
5. Select the 'Create Midpoint Review' link.
6. Assess your employee's performance objectives and performance elements, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Assess an Employee's Performance?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Midpoint in Progress.'
4. Select the *Midpoint Review* tab to list the employee's midpoint reviews.
5. Select the 'Update' link for the selected midpoint review.
6. Select the *Performance Objective Assessments* tab to list the employee's performance objectives and assessments.
7. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective and the employee's self-assessment.
8. Enter your evaluation for each performance objective. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 for each performance objective.
10. Select the *Performance Element Assessments* tab to list the employee's performance elements and assessments.
11. Select the radio button next to each performance element to display the performance element and the employee's self-assessment.
12. Enter your evaluation for each performance element or a summary narrative for all performance elements in Performance Element 1. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 for each performance element when a summary narrative was not entered.
14. Select the 'Back to Midpoint Reviews' link at the top of the screen.

Request or Document Reviewing Official Approval?

Note: Each Component determines if higher level approval is required for midpoint reviews. If required:

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Midpoint in Progress.'
4. Select the *Midpoint Review* tab.
5. Select the 'Update' link in the 'Action' column.
6. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.

7. Select the 'Start' link in 'Step 1: Rating Official Request or Document Higher Level Review.'
8. To request higher level review, choose option A. If you are both the Rating Official and the Reviewing Official, use option B.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Enter a notification message to the reviewing official.
 - Select the 'Transfer to Higher Level Reviewer' link.
9. To document higher level review, choose option B.
 - Enter the review date.
 - Enter the method of review. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Select the 'Save' link.
10. Select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Request or Document Higher Level Review of Midpoint Review on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Request or Document Higher Lvl Review of Midpoint Review (Must be Current Owner)' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS PAA Status of 'Midpoint in Progress' and are currently owned by the Rating Official will appear.

5. To request higher level review, choose option A. If you are both the Rating Official and Reviewing Official, use option B.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Enter a notification message to the reviewing official.
 - Select the 'Transfer to Higher Level Reviewer' link.
 - Confirm the transfer of the Midpoint Reviews to the HLR by selecting 'Yes'.
6. To document higher level review, choose option B.
 - Enter the review date.

- Enter the method of review. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
 - Change the name of the reviewing official, if necessary.
 - Select the 'Save' link.
7. After completing one of the options, a Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official which employees were successfully updated.
 8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Document Communication of the Midpoint Review to the Employee?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Midpoint Review Approved by HLR.'
4. Select the *Midpoint Review* tab to list the employee's midpoint reviews.
5. Select the 'Update' link for the selected midpoint review.
6. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
7. Select the 'Start' link in 'Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to the Employee.'
8. Enter the date the communication to the employee occurred in the 'Communication Date' field.
9. Select the communication method from the 'Communication Method' drop-down menu. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
10. Select the 'Save and Transfer to Employee for Acknowledgment' link.
11. Select the 'Return to Main Page' link to start a new process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Document Communication of the Midpoint Review for Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the *Apply Action(s) to Multiple Employees (PAA)* link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Document Communication of the Midpoint Review (Must be Current Owner)' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.

4. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS PAA Midpoint Review 'Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to the Employee' is not 'Completed' and is currently owned as the Rating Official will appear.
5. Enter the date the communication to the employees occurred in the 'Communication Date' field.
6. Select the communication method from the 'Communication Method' drop-down menu. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
7. Select the 'Save and Transfer to Employees for Acknowledgment' link, make changes to the notification e-mail message to the employees if desired and then select the "Transfer to Employee" link to complete the transfer or select the 'Save Without Transferring to Employees for Acknowledgment' link.
8. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official what plans were successfully updated to show completion of Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to the Employee in the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab in the *Midpoint Review* tab.
9. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Produce a Report Showing the Status of the Midpoint Reviews for My Employees?

1. Select 'View/Print Performance Management Reports' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page from 'My Workplace' or 'CIV Rating Official'.
2. Enter 'Midpoint Review Status Report (Rating Official) - DCIPS' for the 'Report Name' or alternatively
 - Enter '%DCIPS%' for the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Quick Select icon next to the 'Midpoint Review Status Report (Rating Official) - DCIPS' Program Name
3. Enter 'Request Name' if desired and then select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
4. On the *Report: Parameters* page:
 - Enter 'Performance Year'.
 - Enter your full (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name) or partial name in 'Rating Official' and then select your name from the list that appears.
 - Enter any additional parameters to further limit the report results, if desired.
 - Select the 'Next' link to continue the process.

5. Verify the information on the *Report Request: Review* page. Select the ‘Submit’ link if correct.

Note: Selecting the ‘Cancel’ button at this point cancels the report request.

6. Click ‘OK’ on the information screen that appears next with the Request ID information.
7. When the Phase for your report shows as ‘Completed’ on the *Requests* page, right click on the Output icon and select ‘Save Target As...’ to save your report for viewing in Microsoft Excel or ‘Open Link in New Window’ to view the report prior to saving.

Note: Clicking the ‘Refresh’ button will update the Phase status for your report when it shows other than ‘Completed’. If you exit this page prior to the status showing ‘Completed’, select the ‘View Previous Requests’ link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page to return to this *Requests* page. Your report will be available for 48 hours.

8. Select the ‘Home’ link to exit this page or select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Performance Evaluation (Annual Appraisal – DCIPS, Closeout – Early Annual – DCIPS, or Closeout-DCIPS)

Rate an Employee’s Performance?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee’s existing performance plan by selecting ‘Update’ from the ‘Action’ drop-down menu.
3. Select the ‘Go’ link.
Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status will be ‘Midpoint Review Completed’ or ‘Plan Approved’
4. Review ‘Appraisal Type’ field from the *Performance Plan Details* tab to ensure correct appraisal type has been selected.
5. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab to continue.
6. Select the *Performance Objective Assessments* tab to list the employee’s performance objectives.
7. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective and the employee’s self-assessment.
8. Enter your evaluation, if you have not already done so. You may select the ‘Spell Check’ button to check the spelling of the text.
9. Recommend a performance objective rating.
10. Repeat steps 7 through 9 until all performance objectives are evaluated and rated.
11. Select the *Performance Element Assessments* tab to list the employee’s performance elements.

12. Select the radio button next to each performance element to display the performance element and the employee's self-assessment.
13. Enter your evaluation or a summary narrative for all performance elements in Performance Element 1, if you have not already done so. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.
14. Recommend a performance element rating.
15. Repeat steps 12 through 14 until all performance elements are evaluated, when a summary narrative was not entered, and all performance elements are rated.
16. Select the *Performance Evaluation Rating* tab to continue with the process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Submit a Recommended Performance Evaluation of Record?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status will be 'Midpoint Review Completed' or 'Plan Approved'.

4. Review 'Appraisal Type' field from the *Performance Plan Details* tab to ensure correct appraisal type has been selected.
5. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab to continue.
6. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
7. In 'Step 1: Rating Official Request or Document Higher Level Review,' select the 'Start' link.
8. Select either Option A: Transfer to the Higher Level Reviewer (HLR) in the PAA or Option B: Document the higher level review has taken place. If you are both the Rating Official and Reviewing Official, use option B.
9. Select the 'Transfer to Higher Level Reviewer' link for Option A or the 'Save' link for Option B.

Note: Appraisal type and appraisal period end date are the only differences between the Annual Appraisal - DCIPS, Closeout - Early Annual - DCIPS, or Closeout DCIPS. Select the correct appraisal type from the drop-down menu adjacent to the 'Appraisal Type' field from the *Performance Plan Details* tab. Adjust appraisal period end date to the date prior to the event occurrence that requires a closeout assessment, i.e., rating official moving to another position on 20 June, 19 June would be appraisal period end date.

Document Communication of the Performance Evaluation to the Employee?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.

3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Approved by HLR.' Once an evaluation is approved by the Reviewing Official and communicated to the employee, changes cannot be made.

4. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab.
5. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
6. Select the 'Start' link in 'Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to the Employee.'
7. Enter the date the communication to the employee occurred in the 'Communication Date' field.
8. Select the communication method from the 'Communication Method' drop-down menu. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
9. Select the 'Save and Transfer to Employee for Acknowledgment' link, make changes to the notification e-mail message to the employee if desired and then select the "Transfer to Employee" link to complete the transfer or select the 'Save and go to Step 4' link to complete 'Step 4: Rating Official Document Employee Acknowledgment'.
10. Select the 'Return to Main Page' link to start a new process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Document Communication of the Performance Evaluation for Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Document Communication of the Performance Evaluation (Must be Current Owner)' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS PAA 'Approved by HLR' currently owned by the Rating Official will appear.
5. Enter the date the communication to the employees occurred in the 'Communication Date' field.
6. Select the communication method from the 'Communication Method' drop-down menu. If the method is 'Other,' complete the 'Other' text field.
7. Select the 'Save and Transfer to Employees for Acknowledgment' link, make changes to the notification e-mail message to the employees if desired and then select the "Transfer to Employee" link to complete the transfer or select the 'Save Without Transferring to Employees for Acknowledgment' link.

8. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Rating Official what plans were successfully updated to show completion of Step 3: Rating Official Document Communication to the Employee in the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab in the *Performance Evaluation* tab.
9. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

View/Print Current Employee Appraisal Information for Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the *Apply Action(s) to Multiple Employees (PAA)* link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Rating Official' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'View/Print Current Employee Appraisal Info' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter the Appraisal Year and select either all or the sections desired and then select the 'Submit Request' button.
5. The *Requests* page will appear. When the Phase is "Pending", select the 'Refresh' button to update the Phase until it reads "Completed". Once the Phase is "Completed", select the Icon in the 'Output' column to view or save the results.
6. Select the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

View or Print a Completed Performance Evaluation for My Employees?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select the 'Show Completed Plans/Appraisals' link.
3. Enter the Employee Name, the Appraisal Year and select 'DCIPS Performance Evaluation' from the list of values for the Event to limit your search.
4. Select the 'Find' button.
5. Select the Printer icon.
6. Click the box to the left of 'Select /Deselect All' to view/print both the evaluation and the guest feedback or click the box to the left of 'DCIPS Closeout or DCIPS Performance Evaluation' to view/print only the DD Form 2906D.
7. Select 'View/Print Selected Sections' button in the lower right hand corner of screen to view and/or print the report.

8. Select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Produce a Report Showing the Status of the Performance Evaluations for My Employees?

1. Select 'View/Print Performance Management Reports' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page from 'My Workplace' or 'CIV Rating Official'.
2. Enter 'Performance Evaluation Status Report (Rating Official) - DCIPS' or 'Closeout Performance Evaluation Status Report (Rating Official) -DCIPS' for the 'Report Name' or alternatively
 - Enter '%DCIPS%' for the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Quick Select icon next to the 'Performance Evaluation Status Report (Rating Official) - DCIPS' or 'Closeout Performance Evaluation Status Report (Rating Official) - DCIPS' Program Name

Note: The 'Closeout Performance Evaluation Status Report' only includes appraisals when the 'Appraisal Type' is "Closeout - DCIPS". An appraisal of this type is only included in the 'Performance Evaluation Status Report' if it is the latest evaluation for the employee.

3. Enter 'Request Name' if desired and then select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
4. On the *Report: Parameters* page:
 - Enter 'Performance Year'.
 - Enter your full (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name) or partial name in 'Rating Official' and then select your name from the list that appears.
 - Enter any additional parameters to further limit the report results, if desired.
 - Select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
5. Verify the information on the *Report Request: Review* page. Select the 'Submit' link if correct.

Note: Selecting the 'Cancel' button at this point cancels the report request.

6. Click 'OK' on the information screen that appears next with the Request ID information.
7. When the Phase for your report shows as 'Completed' on the *Requests* page, right click on the Output icon and select 'Save Target As...' to save your report for viewing in Microsoft Excel or 'Open Link in New Window' to view the report prior to saving.

Note: Clicking the 'Refresh' button will update the Phase status for your report when it shows other than 'Completed'. If you exit this page prior to the status showing 'Completed', select the 'View Previous Requests' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page to return to this *Requests* page. Your report will be available for 48 hours.

8. Select the 'Home' link to exit this page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Mock Evaluation and Rating

Enter Your Mock Evaluation and Ratings?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. *Since you do not have to have ownership of your employee's record to write your mock evaluation*, open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down menu, and select the 'Go' button. You may continue to update your mock evaluation until you request or document the higher level review.
3. Select the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab. The performance plan must be approved before the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab is available.

Note: The *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab will only be available from February 1st through August 31st. As the information entered in this area is strictly to support mock pay pool deliberations, the mock assessments and ratings will automatically be purged on September 1st.

4. Select the *Mock Performance Objectives and Mock Performance Elements* tabs to view your employee's performance objectives, performance elements, and mock self-assessments, and write your evaluations.
5. Select the *Mock Performance Objectives* tab to list the employee's performance objectives.
6. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective and the employee's self-assessment.
7. Enter your evaluation. You may select the 'Spell Check' button to check the spelling of the text.

Note: Your assessments from an in-progress or completed Midpoint Review may be imported for your mock assessments by selecting the 'Import Midpoint Review Assessments' link.

8. Recommend a performance objective mock rating.
9. Repeat steps 6 through 8 until all performance objectives are evaluated and rated.
10. Select the *Mock Performance Elements* tab to list the employee's performance elements.
11. Select the radio button next to each performance element to display the performance element and the employee's self-assessment.

12. Enter your evaluation or a summary narrative for all performance elements in Performance Element 1. You may select the ‘Spell Check’ button to check the spelling of the text.
13. Recommend a performance element rating.
14. Repeat steps 11 through 13 until all performance elements are evaluated, if a summary narrative was not entered, and all performance elements are rated.
15. Select the *Mock Performance Evaluation Ratings* tab to review the mock evaluation ratings, select the *Mock Approvals and Acknowledgments* tab to continue with the process, select the ‘Return to Main Page’ button to start a new process, or select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Submit a Mock Recommended Performance Evaluation of Record?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee’s existing performance plan by selecting ‘Update’ or ‘View’ from the ‘Action’ drop-down menu.
3. Select the ‘Go’ link.
Note: The DCIPS PAA status will be ‘Midpoint in Progress’, ‘Midpoint Review Completed’ or ‘Plan Approved’.
4. Select the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab to continue.
5. Select the *Mock Approvals and Acknowledgments* tab.
6. In ‘Step 3: Rating Official Request or Document Higher Level Review,’ select the ‘Start’ link.
7. Select either Option A: Assign to the Higher Level Reviewer (HLR), or Option B: Document the higher level review has taken place. If you are both the Rating Official and Reviewing Official, use option B.
8. Select the ‘Submit’ link for Option A, or the ‘Save’ link for Option B.

Manage Guest Participants

Add a Participant and Request Feedback?

Note: Any feedback provided by a guest participant is immediately viewable by the rating official and the guest rater/reviewer; the employee will have access to the feedback after completion of the evaluation. You must be the current owner of the performance plan to perform the steps identified.

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting ‘Update’ from the ‘Action’ drop-down menu.
3. Select the ‘Go’ button.
4. Select the *Manage Guest Participants* tab.
5. Select the ‘Add Participant’ button.

6. On the *DCIPS PAA - Add Guest Participant* page:

- Enter 'Participant Name' (Last Name, First Name).
- Select 'Participant Type' from the drop-down menu.
- Select the 'Select' button.

7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until all guest participants have been added.

Note: Prior to requesting feedback, with 'Participation Status' being 'Pending' under the 'Action' column on the drop-down menu, if necessary you can select:

- 'Update Participation Type' to change the Participation Type (e.g., from guest rater to guest reviewer).
- 'Remove Participant' to delete the guest participant.

8. Under the 'Select' column, check the box next to the guest participant name(s) you wish to request feedback from.

9. Select the 'Request Feedback' button.

Note: You may enter additional information to the notification message to the guest participant(s). The Spell Check button is available to check the text in this notification message.

10. Select the 'Submit to Guest Participant' button.

Note: Selecting the 'Cancel' button at this point cancels the action.

11. Review the 'Status Log.'

12. Select the 'Return to Manage Guest Participants Tab' button to return to the *Manage Guest Participants* tab.

Note: The 'Participation Status' will be updated to 'Feedback Requested.'

13. Select the 'Return to Main Page' button to start a new process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Suspend Feedback?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.

2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.

3. Select the 'Go' button.

4. Select the *Manage Guest Participants* tab.

5. Under the 'Select' column, check the box next to the guest participant name you wish to prevent feedback from.

6. Select the 'Suspend Feedback' button.

7. Review the 'Status Log.'

8. Select the 'Return to Manage Guest Participants Tab' button to return to the *Manage Guest Participants* tab.

Note: 'Participation Status' will be updated to 'Feedback Suspended'. If feedback is needed at a later date, proceed to step 7 of the 'Add a Participant and Request Feedback' section, and follow the steps to complete the activity.

9. Select the 'Return to Main Page' button to start a new process, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Section 3 – Reviewing Official – How Do I . . .

An important note: The first time the ‘Go’ button is selected for ‘Create New Plan’ or ‘View’ or ‘Update’ on the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page after selecting the Performance Appraisal Application (PAA) link, an ‘Unclassified Information Only’ page will display. You must agree that you will not enter any classified information by checking the box and selecting the ‘Continue’ button in order to continue.

Performance Plan

Approve a Performance Plan?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee’s existing performance plan by selecting ‘Update’ from the ‘Action’ drop-down menu.
3. Select the ‘Go’ link.

Note: The DCIPS PAA status is ‘Plan Pending HLR Review.’

4. Select any of the tabs to review information about the performance plan: the *Performance Plan Details* tab, the *Mission Goals* tab, the *Performance Objectives* tab, or the *Performance Elements* tab.
5. Select the *Performance Objectives* tab to list and review the employee’s performance objectives.
6. Select the ‘View’ link or ‘Show’ next to each performance objective to display the performance objective.
7. Select the *Performance Elements* tab to list and review the employee’s performance elements.
8. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
9. In ‘Step 2: Higher Level Review,’ select the ‘Approve’ link.
10. Type an e-mail message to the rating official indicating your approval. The ‘Spell Check’ button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
11. Select the ‘Transfer to Rating Official’ link.
12. Confirm your approval by selecting ‘Yes’.

Approve Performance Plans on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the *Apply Actions(s) to Multiple Employees (PAA)* link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select ‘DCIPS - Higher Level Reviewer’ for the PAA System and Role and then select the ‘Start’ button.
3. Select ‘Approve Performance Objectives’ from the ‘Available Actions’ listed and then select the ‘Start’ button.

4. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS PAA status of 'Plan Pending HLR Review' will appear.

5. Select the 'Approve Objectives' button to execute the action.
6. Confirm your approval by selecting 'Yes'. A Status Log then appears that notifies the HLR what plans were updated to show completion of Step 2 on the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
7. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Return a Performance Plan to Rating Official for Correction?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Select any of the tabs to review information about the performance plan: the *Performance Plan Details* tab, the *Mission Goals* tab, the *Performance Objectives* tab, or the *Performance Elements* tab.
5. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
6. In 'Step 2: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Return for Change' link.
7. Type an e-mail message to the rating official explaining your request for a change. The 'Spell Check' button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
8. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link.
9. Confirm the return of the plan to the Rating Official for correction by selecting 'Yes'.

Change the Rating Official on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Higher Level Reviewer' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Change Rating Official' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter the name of the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
6. Identify the name of the new *Rating Official*; add comments in the Notification Comments block if desired and then click 'Save' to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Reviewing Official whether or not the Rating Official was successfully updated.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Change the Reviewing Official on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Higher Level Reviewer' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Change Higher Level Reviewer' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter the name of the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
6. Identify the new *Reviewing Official*; add comments in the Notification Comments block if desired and then click 'Save' to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies the Reviewing Official whether or not the Reviewing Official was successfully updated.

8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Midpoint Review

Approve a Midpoint Review?

Note: Each Component determines if higher level approval of the midpoint review is required. If required:

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Midpoint Pending HLR Approval.'

4. Select the *Midpoint Review* tab to list the employee's midpoint reviews.
5. Select the 'Update' link for the selected midpoint review.
6. Select the *Performance Objective Assessments* tab to list the employee's performance objectives and assessments.
7. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective.
8. Review each performance objective focusing on the employee's and rating official's assessments of the performance objectives.
9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 until all performance objectives are reviewed.
10. Select the *Performance Element Assessments* tab to list the employee's performance elements and assessments.
11. Select the radio button next to each performance element to display the performance element.
12. Review each performance element focusing on the employee's and rating official's assessments of the performance elements.
13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 until all performance elements are reviewed.
14. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
15. In 'Step 2: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Approve' link.
16. Type an e-mail message to the rating official indicating your approval.
17. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link.

Return a Midpoint Review to Rating Official for Correction?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Midpoint Pending HLR Approval.'

4. Select *Midpoint Review* tab.
5. Select the 'Update' link for the selected midpoint review.
6. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
7. In 'Step 2: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Return for Change' link.
8. Type an e-mail message to the rating official explaining your request for a change.
9. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link.

Performance Evaluation (Annual Appraisal – DCIPS, Closeout – Early Annual – DCIPS, or Closeout - DCIPS)

Review a Recommended Evaluation of Record?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Appraisal Pending HLR Approval.'

4. Select the *Performance Plan* tab.
5. Select any of the tabs to review information about the performance plan: the *Performance Plan Details* tab, the *Mission Goals* tab, the *Performance Objectives* tab, or the *Performance Elements* tab.
6. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab.
7. Select the *Performance Objective Assessments* tab to list the employee's performance objectives, assessments, and recommended ratings.
8. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective, the employee's self-assessment, the rating official's evaluation, and the performance objective rating.
9. Select the *Performance Element Assessments* tab to list the employee's performance elements, assessments, and recommended ratings.
10. Select the radio button next to each performance element to display the performance element, the employee's self-assessment, the rating official's evaluation, and the performance element rating.
11. Select the *Performance Evaluation Rating* tab to review the ratings, or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Approve a Recommended Performance Evaluation of Record?

Note: Do not approve a performance evaluation until authorized to do so by your PM PRA.

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Appraisal Pending HLR Approval.'

4. Select any of the tabs to review information about the performance plan: the *Performance Plan Details* tab, the *Mission Goals* tab, the *Performance Objectives* tab, or the *Performance Elements* tab.
5. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab.
6. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
7. In 'Step 2: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Approve' link.
8. Enter an e-mail message to the rating official indicating approval.
9. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link.
10. Confirm your approval and PM PRA review by selecting 'Yes'.

Approve Recommended Performance Evaluations on Multiple Employees at One Time?

1. Select the *Apply Actions(s) to Multiple Employees (PAA)* link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. Select 'DCIPS - Higher Level Reviewer' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Approve Performance Evaluations' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. To review an employee's entire Performance Evaluation before approving, select the 'Printer' Icon under the 'Reports/Forms' column.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Approve and Transfer to Rating Official' button.

Note: Only employees with the DCIPS PAA status of 'Appraisal Pending HLR Approval' will appear.

6. Enter an e-mail message to the rating official(s) indicating approval. The 'Spell Check' button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
7. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link.
8. Confirm your approval and PM PRA review by selecting 'Yes'.

9. A Status Log then appears that notifies the reviewing official what Performance Evaluations were updated to show completion of Step 2 of the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
10. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Return a Recommended Evaluation of Record to Rating Official for Correction?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
Note: The DCIPS PAA status is 'Appraisal Pending HLR Approval.'
4. Select any of the tabs to review any information about the performance plan: the *Performance Plan Details* tab, the *Mission Goals* tab, the *Performance Objectives* tab, or the *Performance Elements* tab.
5. Select the *Performance Evaluation* tab.
6. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
7. In 'Step 2: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Return for Change' link.
8. Enter an e-mail message to the rating official explaining your request for a change. The 'Spell Check' button is available to check the spelling in the email message.
9. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link.

Mock Evaluation and Rating

Review and Approve a Mock Evaluation and Rating?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. *Since you do not have to have ownership of your employee's record to review the evaluation and mock recommended ratings*, open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
3. Select the 'Go' button.
4. Select the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab. The performance plan must be approved before the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab is available.

Note: The *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab will only be available from February 1st through August 31st. As the information entered in this area is strictly to support mock pay pool deliberations, the mock assessments and ratings will automatically be purged on September 1st.

5. Select the *Mock Performance Objectives* tab, the *Mock Performance Elements* tab and the *Mock Performance Evaluation Ratings* tab to view the employee's performance objectives, performance elements, and mock evaluations.

6. Select the *Mock Performance Objectives* tab to list the employee's performance objectives.
7. Select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective, the employee's mock self-assessment, the rating official's mock evaluation, and the rating official's mock performance objective rating.
8. Repeat step 7 until all performance objectives are reviewed.
9. Select the *Mock Performance Elements* tab to list the employee's performance elements.
10. Select the radio button next to each performance element to display the performance element, the employee's mock self-assessment, the rating official's mock evaluation, and the rating official's mock performance element rating.
11. Repeat step 10 until all performance elements are reviewed.
12. Select the *Mock Performance Evaluation Ratings* tab to view the mock evaluations.
13. Select the *Mock Approvals & Acknowledgements* tab.
14. In 'Step 4: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Approve' link.

Return a Mock Evaluation to Rating Official for Correction?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. *Since you do not have to have ownership of your employee's record to review and approve a mock recommended rating*, open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' or 'View' from the 'Action' drop-down.
3. Select the 'Go' button.
4. Select the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab. The performance plan must be approved before the *Mock Pay Pool Info* tab is available.
5. Select the *Mock Approvals & Acknowledgements* tab.
6. In 'Step 4: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Return for Change' button.

Section 4 – Guest Rater – How Do I . . .

An important note: The first time the ‘Go’ button is selected for ‘Update Feedback’ on the Provide Guest Feedback page after selecting the Performance Appraisal Application (PAA) link, an ‘Unclassified Information Only’ page will display. You must agree that you will not enter any classified information by checking the box and selecting the ‘Continue’ button in order to continue.

Provide a Guest Rating?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select the *Provide Guest Feedback* tab located in the upper left corner.
3. Under the ‘Action’ column, select ‘Go’ next to ‘Update Feedback’ to display the *DCIPS PAA - Guest Rater* page.
4. In the *Performance Objective Assessments* tab, select the radio button next to each performance objective to display the performance objective.
5. Enter your evaluation in the Guest Rater Assessment text box. You may select the ‘Spell Check’ button to check the spelling of the text.
6. Recommend a Performance Objective Rating.
7. Repeat steps 4 through 6 until all performance objectives are evaluated and rated.
8. In the *Performance Element Assessments* tab, select the radio button next to each performance element.
9. Enter your evaluation in the Guest Rater Assessment text box. You may select the ‘Spell Check’ button to check the spelling of the text.
10. Recommend a Performance Element Rating.
11. Repeat steps 8 through 10 until all performance elements are evaluated and rated.
12. Select the ‘Complete’ button in the upper right-hand corner of the tab.

Note: Once completed, you will not be able to update your feedback unless the rating official requests your feedback again.
13. Enter additional information to the notification message to the rating official.
14. Select the ‘Submit’ button. You will be returned to the *Provide Guest Feedback* tab. ‘Participation Status’ will be updated to ‘Feedback Completed’ and ‘Date Completed’ will reflect the date.
15. Select the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page to start a new process, or select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Section 5 – Guest Reviewer – How Do I . . .

An important note: The first time the ‘Go’ button is selected for ‘Update Feedback’ on the Provide Guest Feedback page after selecting the Performance Appraisal Application (PAA) link, an ‘Unclassified Information Only’ page will display. You must agree that you will not enter any classified information by checking the box and selecting the ‘Continue’ button in order to continue.

Provide a Guest Review?

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select the *Provide Guest Feedback* tab located in the upper left corner.
3. Under the ‘Action’ column, select ‘Go’ next to ‘Update Feedback’ to display the *DCIPS PAA - Guest Reviewer* page.
4. Select the ‘Show Performance Objectives’ link and then the ‘Show’ link under ‘Details’ next to the ‘Performance Objective’, or select the ‘Show All Details’ link to review performance objectives. Select the ‘Show Performance Elements’ link and then the ‘Show’ link under ‘Details’ next to the ‘Performance Element’ or select the ‘Show All Details’ to review performance elements.
5. Enter your evaluation in the Guest Reviewer Overall Feedback text box. You may select the ‘Spell Check’ button to check the spelling of the text.
Note: You are limited to 4,000 characters for the entire review.
6. Select the ‘Complete’ button.
Note: Once completed, you will not be able to update your feedback unless the rating official requests your feedback again.
7. Enter additional information to the notification message to the rating official.
8. Select the ‘Submit’ button. You will be returned to the *Provide Guest Feedback* tab. ‘Participation Status’ will be updated to ‘Feedback Completed’ and ‘Date Completed’ will reflect the date.
9. Select the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page to start a new process or select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Section 6 – Trusted Agent – How Do I . . .

Manage PAA Trusted Agent Authorization allows reviewing officials and rating officials to assign a trusted agent(s) to act on their behalf within the DCIPS PAA. Authorization of a trusted agent(s) does not alleviate reviewing officials or rating officials of their performance management responsibilities to establish performance objectives and expectations and monitor, review, and evaluate employee performance.

The purpose of the trusted agent is to allow someone other than reviewing officials or rating officials to document the decisions made by the reviewing officials or rating officials.

Note: The *‘Manage PAA Trusted Agent Authorization’* is accessed through *‘My Workplace’* or *‘CIV Rating Official’* on the page prior to entering PAA. Those individuals appointed as Trusted Agents are assigned the *‘CIV Trusted Agent’* responsibility. The trusted agent accesses the PAA through the *‘CIV Trusted Agent’* by selecting the *‘PAA Acting as Trusted Agent’* link.

Reviewing officials and rating officials must approve all PAA activities documented by the trusted agent and route the performance plan to the next step by using one of the following methods:

- Select the *‘Approve Trusted Agent Documentation’* box located in the employee’s PAA record under the appropriate *Approvals and Acknowledgments* tab. If the reviewing official or rating official does not have access to the PAA, the trusted agent forwards the performance plan to the next person in the chain of command to accomplish this task.

Or

- The reviewing official or rating official’s signature on a copy of the performance plan constitutes approval of the action. The signed performance plan must be retained as documentation of approval.

Manage Trusted Agent Assignments

Authorize the Trusted Agent Role?

1. Select *‘Manage PAA Trusted Agent Authorization’* link from *‘My Workplace’* or *‘CIV Rating Official.’*
2. Select the *‘Role’* drop-down menu.
3. Select either Higher Level Reviewer or Rating Official.
4. Select *‘System Type’* drop-down menu.
5. Select either Self Service Hierarchy or Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System.

Note: If you select *‘Self Service Hierarchy’* as the system type, the next screen will display names of all employees in your hierarchy. If you select *‘Defense Civilian*

Intelligence Personnel System' as the system type, the next screen will display only names of employees in your hierarchy who have a PAA in progress.

6. Select the 'Go' button.

Note: The 'Show Manage Assignment of Trusted Agent for Selected Employee(s)' link and the 'Results' table are displayed.

Show Manage Assignment of Trusted Agent for Selected Employees?

1. Select the 'Show Manage Assignment of Trusted Agent for Selected Employee(s)' link or the 'Results' table to expand the area to assign or terminate trusted agent assignments individually or as a group.
2. Select one of the following areas to update: (1) Assign Trusted Agent or (2) Terminate Trusted Agent.

Assign Trusted Agent?

1. Enter the Trusted Agent Name (required).
2. Enter Start Date (optional).

Note: This can be a future date but not earlier than the current date.

3. Enter End Date (optional).

Note: An end date can be entered to limit the assignment period. If entered, the end date cannot be less than the current date or the Start Date, whichever is more recent.

4. Under the 'Select' column on the 'Results' table, select the employee(s) whom you would like to assign as trusted agent(s).
5. Select the 'Apply' button.

Terminate Trusted Agent?

1. Enter End Date.

Note: The end date entered takes effect at the end of the day. Therefore, you cannot assign a new trusted agent until the day after the identified end date.

2. Under the 'Select' column on the 'Results' table, select the employee(s).
3. Select the 'Apply' button.

Section 7 – Pay Pool Administrator – How Do I . . .

Performance Plans

Change the Rating Official on Multiple Employees in My Pay Pool at One Time?

Note: This can be used to change the Rating Official on the Performance Plan in the Rating Official's absence.

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA V3\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator' and the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator'.

2. Select 'DCIPS - Pay Pool Administrator' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Change Rating Official' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter the name for the *Current Rating Official* and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection. The *Current PAA Status* and *Appraisal Year* may also be entered to limit the search results.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
6. Identify the new *Rating Official*; add comments in the Notification Comments block if desired and then click 'Save' to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies whether or not the Rating Official was successfully updated.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Change the Reviewing Official on Multiple Employees in My Pay Pool at One Time?

Note: This can be used to change the Reviewing Official on the Performance Plan in the Rating Official's or Reviewing Official's absence.

1. Select the [Apply Actions\(s\) to Multiple Employees \(PAA V3\)](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the ‘CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator’ and the ‘DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator’.

2. Select ‘DCIPS - Pay Pool Administrator’ for the PAA System and Role and then select the ‘Start’ button.
3. Select ‘Change Higher Level Reviewer’ from the ‘Available Actions’ listed and then select the ‘Start’ button.
4. Enter the name of the *Current Rating Official* and then select the ‘Find’ button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection. The *Current PAA Status* and *Appraisal Year* may also be entered to limit the search results.
5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the ‘Next’ button.
6. Identify the new *Reviewing Official*; add comments in the Notification Comments block if desired and then click ‘Save’ to complete the action.
7. A Status Log then appears that notifies whether or not the Reviewing Official was successfully updated.
8. Select ‘Return to Available Actions’ or the ‘Home’ link to continue or select the ‘Logout’ link to end your session.

Change the PAA Status on an Employee in My Pay Pool?

Note: Use caution when using this process to ensure the correct PAA is selected for the change in status. The following Current PAA Statuses can be changed through this process: 1) *Appraisal Pending HLR Approval* can be changed back to *Appraisal Returned for Change*; 2) *Appraisal Returned for Change* can be changed back to *Appraisal Pending HLR Approval*; 3) *Closed* can be changed back to the status of *Plan Approved*; 4) *Midpoint Pending HLR Approval* can be changed back to *Midpoint Returned for Change*; 5) *Midpoint Returned for Change* can be changed back to *Midpoint Pending HLR Approval*; 6) *Plan Pending HLR Review* can be changed back to *Plan Returned for Change*; and 7) *Plan Returned for Change* can be changed back to *Plan Pending HLR Review*.

1. Select the [DCIPS Appraisal Administration](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the ‘CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator’. This process is also available for the ‘DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator’ under the [SuperUser](#) link.

2. On the *List of Plans/Appraisal* page, enter the name of the *Rating Official*, the *Employee Name* and the *Appraisal Year* and then select the ‘Find’ button to locate the employee’s PAA. The Current PAA Status can also be entered to limit the search results.

3. Under the 'Action' column, select 'Go' next to 'Update' for the PAA to be changed to display the *Change Plans/Appraisals* page.
4. Change the *Appraisal Status* by selecting the appropriate status change allowed from the drop down list of values.

Note: The *Rating Official* and/or the *Higher Level Reviewer* can also be changed if necessary.

5. Select 'Apply' to complete the action.

Note: Ownership of the PAA is returned to the Rating Official or the Reviewing Official as appropriate based on the PAA status change.

6. The *List of Plans/Appraisals* page will then display. Verify that the Current PAA Status was changed.
7. Select the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Change the PAA Status on Multiple Employees in My Pay Pool at One Time?

Note: Use caution when using this process to ensure the correct PAA is selected for the change in status. The following Current PAA Statuses can be changed through this process: 1) *Appraisal Pending HLR Approval* can be changed back to *Appraisal Returned for Change*; 2) *Appraisal Returned for Change* can be changed back to *Appraisal Pending HLR Approval*; 3) *Closed* can be changed back to the status of the PAA prior to this status; 4) *Midpoint Pending HLR Approval* can be changed back to *Midpoint Returned for Change*; 5) *Midpoint Returned for Change* can be changed back to *Midpoint Pending HLR Approval*; 6) *Plan Pending HLR Review* can be changed back to *Plan Returned for Change*; and 7) *Plan Returned for Change* can be changed back to *Plan Pending HLR Review*.

1. Select the *Apply Actions(s) to Multiple Employees (PAA V3)* link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator' and the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator'.

2. Select 'DCIPS - Pay Pool Administrator' for the PAA System and Role and then select the 'Start' button.
3. Select 'Change PAA Status' from the 'Available Actions' listed and then select the 'Start' button.
4. Enter the name of the *Current Rating Official*, select the *Current PAA Status* from the list of values and then select the 'Find' button to produce a listing of employees from which to make a selection. The *Appraisal Year* should also be entered to limit the search results.

5. Select the employees to which the action should be applied and then select the 'Next' button.
6. Select the *new Rating Official PAA Status* from the list of values and then click 'Save' to complete the action.

Note: This list of values is dependent on the Current PAA Status. If the Current PAA Status is 'Closed', this field will not appear as the new PAA Status will automatically be set back to the status just prior to the one before the status changed to 'Closed'.

7. A Status Log then appears that notifies whether or not the PAA Status was successfully updated.
8. Select 'Return to Available Actions' or the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Close a Duplicate or Extraneous Performance Plan for an Employee in My Pay Pool?

Note: If the Performance Plan has been approved and the Performance Evaluation has not been 'Approved by RO', this can be used to close out the active PAA in the Rating Official's or Reviewing Official's absence.

1. Select the [DCIPS Appraisal Administration](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator'. This is also available for the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator' under the [SuperUser](#) link.

2. On the *List of Plans/Appraisal* page, enter the name of the *Rating Official*, the *Employee Name* and then select the 'Find' button to locate the employee's PAA. The *Appraisal Year* and the Current PAA Status can also be entered to limit the search results.
3. Select 'Close' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee's performance plan to be closed.
4. Select the 'Go' link.
5. Select the 'Yes' button to continue the process when the Warning message appears.
6. When the Confirmation notice is received, select the 'Home' link to continue your session or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Delete a Pending Performance Plan for an Employee in My Pay Pool?

Note: If the Performance Plan Status is 'Pending', this process can be used to remove an erroneous PAA from the database in the Rating Official's or Reviewing Official's absence. Use caution when using this process as the action cannot be undone.

1. Select the [DCIPS Appraisal Administration](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator'. This is also available for the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator' under the [SuperUser](#) link.

2. On the *List of Plans/Appraisal* page, enter the name of the *Rating Official*, the *Employee Name* and then select the 'Find' button to locate the employee's PAA. The *Appraisal Year* and the Current PAA Status can also be entered to limit the search results.
3. Select 'Delete' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee's performance plan to be deleted.
4. Select the 'Go' link.
5. Select the 'Yes' button to continue the process when the Warning message appears.
6. When the Confirmation notice is received, select the 'Home' link to continue your session or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Reset PAA Status to Pending Approval by Reviewing Official when Prematurely Approved Prior to PM PRA Review for Employees in My Pay Pool?

Note: Use caution when using this process as this un-does the Performance Evaluation approvals for all previously completed approval steps 2 through 4. The following PAA Statuses can be changed through this process when the PAA identified is the most recent performance evaluation for the employee: 1) *Approved by HLR*; 2) *Approved by RO*; 3) *Closeout Approved by HLR*; 4) *Closeout in Progress*; 5) *Completed*.

1. Select the [DCIPS Appraisal Administration](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator'. This process is also available for the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator' under the [SuperUser](#) link.

2. On the *List of Plans/Appraisal* page, enter the name of the *Rating Official*, the *Employee Name* and the *Appraisal Year* and then select the 'Find' button to locate the employee's PAA. The Current PAA Status can also be entered to limit the search results.

3. Under the 'Action' column, select 'Go' next to 'Update' for the PAA to be changed to display the *Change Plans/Appraisals* page.
4. Change the *Appraisal Status* to 'Appraisal Pending HLR Approval' for Appraisal Types 'Annual Appraisal - DCIPS' and 'Closeout - Early Annual - DCIPS' and to 'Closeout Pending HLR Approval' for Appraisal Type 'Closeout - DCIPS'.
5. Select 'Apply' to complete the action.

Note: Ownership of the PAA is returned to the Reviewing Official with the Status for Step 2 of the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* process changed to 'Not Started' unless the Rating Official had documented the higher level review by completing Option B in Step 1. In that case, the ownership is returned to the Rating Official with the Status for Step 1 changed to 'Not Started'.

6. The *List of Plans/Appraisals* page will then display. Verify that the Current PAA Status was changed.
7. Select the 'Home' link to continue or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Track Progress of the Performance Plan During the Performance Cycle for an Employee in My Pay Pool?

1. Select the [*DCIPS Appraisal Administration*](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator'. This is also available for the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator' under the [*SuperUser*](#) link.

2. On the *List of Plans/Appraisal* page, enter the name of the *Rating Official*, the *Employee Name* and then select the 'Find' button to locate the employee's PAA. The *Appraisal Year* and the Current PAA Status can also be entered to limit the search results.
3. Select 'Track Progress' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee's performance plan to be tracked.
4. Select the 'Go' link.
5. Select the 'Return to Previous' link to continue your session or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Transfer a Performance Plan from an Employee in My Pay Pool to the Rating Official?

Note: When a Performance Plan is created by the employee and the plan has never been transferred to the Rating Official, this can be used to transfer the Performance Plan to the Rating Official in the employee's absence. Current PAA Status will be 'Plan in Progress'.

1. Select the [DCIPS Appraisal Administration](#) link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator'. This is also available for the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator' under the [SuperUser](#) link.

2. On the *List of Plans/Appraisal* page, enter the name of the *Rating Official*, the *Employee Name* and then select the 'Find' button to locate the employee's Performance Plan. The *Appraisal Year* and the Current PAA Status can also be entered to limit the search results.
3. Select 'Transfer to Rating Official' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee's performance plan to be transferred.
4. Select the 'Go' link.
5. When the Confirmation notice is received, select the 'Home' link to continue your session or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Performance Plan Status Reports

Produce a Report Showing the Status of the Performance Plans for My Pay Pool?

1. Select 'View/Print Performance Management Reports' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page from 'CIV Pay Pool Administrator.'

Note: This menu item is available for the 'CIV Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator', and 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator'.

2. Enter 'Performance Plan Status Report (Pay Pool) - DCIPS' for the 'Report Name' or alternatively
 - Enter '%DCIPS%' for the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Quick Select icon next to the 'Performance Plan Status Report (Pay Pool) - DCIPS' Program Name

Note: Report Name for the DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator will be 'Performance Plan Status Report (HR) - DCIPS'.

3. Enter 'Request Name' if desired and then select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
4. On the *Report: Parameters* page:
 - Enter 'Performance Year'.
 - Enter the 'Pay Pool ID'.
 - Enter any additional parameters to further limit the report results, if desired.
 - Select the 'Next' link to continue the process.

Note: Report Parameters for the DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator are 'Performance Year' and at least one of the following parameters: 'Pay Pool ID', 'Rating Official', 'SOID', 'Agency Group', 'Organization Name', 'UIC', 'PAS Code' or 'Organization Structure ID'.

5. Verify the information on the *Report Request: Review* page. Select the 'Submit' link if correct.

Note: Selecting the 'Cancel' button at this point cancels the report request.

6. Click 'OK' on the information screen that appears next with the Request ID information.
7. When the Phase for your report shows as 'Completed' on the *Requests* page, right click on the Output icon and select 'Save Target As...' to save your report for viewing in Microsoft Excel or 'Open Link in New Window' to view the report prior to saving.

Note: Clicking the 'Refresh' button will update the Phase status for your report when it shows other than 'Completed'. If you exit this page prior to the status showing 'Completed', select the 'View Previous Requests' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page to return to this *Requests* page. Your report will be available for 48 hours.

8. Select the 'Home' link to exit this page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Produce a Report Showing the Status of the Midpoint Reviews for My Pay Pool?

1. Select 'View/Print Performance Management Reports' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page from 'CIV Pay Pool Administrator.'

Note: This menu item is available for the 'CIV Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator', and 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator'.

2. Enter 'Midpoint Review Status Report (Pay Pool) - DCIPS' for the 'Report Name' or alternatively
 - Enter '%DCIPS%' for the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Quick Select icon next to the 'Midpoint Review Status Report (Pay Pool) - DCIPS' Program Name

Note: Report Name for the DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator will be 'Midpoint Review Status Report (HR) - DCIPS'.

3. Enter 'Request Name' if desired and then select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
4. On the *Report: Parameters* page:
 - Enter 'Performance Year'.
 - Enter the 'Pay Pool ID'.
 - Enter any additional parameters to further limit the report results, if desired.
 - Select the 'Next' link to continue the process.

Note: Report Parameters for the DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator are 'Performance Year' and at least one of the following parameters: 'Pay Pool ID', 'Rating Official', 'SOID', 'Agency Group', 'Organization Name', 'UIC', 'PAS Code' or 'Organization Structure ID'.

5. Verify the information on the *Report Request: Review* page. Select the 'Submit' link if correct.

Note: Selecting the 'Cancel' button at this point cancels the report request.

6. Click 'OK' on the information screen that appears next with the Request ID information.
7. When the Phase for your report shows as 'Completed' on the *Requests* page, right click on the Output icon and select 'Save Target As...' to save your report for viewing in Microsoft Excel or 'Open Link in New Window' to view the report prior to saving.

Note: Clicking the 'Refresh' button will update the Phase status for your report when it shows other than 'Completed'. If you exit this page prior to the status showing 'Completed', select the 'View Previous Requests' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page to return to this *Requests* page. Your report will be available for 48 hours.

8. Select the 'Home' link to exit this page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Produce a Report Showing the Status of the Performance Evaluations for My Pay Pool?

1. Select 'View/Print Performance Management Reports' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page from 'CIV Pay Pool Administrator.'

Note: This menu item is available for the 'CIV Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator', and 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator'.

2. Enter 'Performance Evaluation Status Report (Pay Pool) - DCIPS' or 'Closeout Performance Evaluation Status Report (Pay Pool) -DCIPS' for the 'Report Name' or alternatively
 - Enter '%DCIPS%' for the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Quick Select icon next to the 'Performance Evaluation Status Report (Pay Pool) - DCIPS' or 'Closeout Performance Evaluation Status Report (Pay Pool) - DCIPS' Program Name

Notes: Report Name for the DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator will be 'Performance Evaluation Status Report (HR) - DCIPS' or 'Closeout Performance Evaluation Status Report (Pay Pool) -DCIPS'.

The 'Closeout Performance Evaluation Status Report' only includes appraisals when the 'Appraisal Type' is "Closeout - DCIPS". An appraisal of this type is only included in the 'Performance Evaluation Status Report' if it is the latest evaluation for the employee.

3. Enter 'Request Name' if desired and then select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
4. On the *Report: Parameters* page:
 - Enter 'Performance Year'.
 - Enter the 'Pay Pool ID'.
 - Enter any additional parameters to further limit the report results, if desired.
 - Select the 'Next' link to continue the process.

Note: Report Parameters for the DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator are 'Performance Year' and at least one of the following parameters: 'Pay Pool ID', 'Rating Official', 'SOID', 'Agency Group', 'Organization Name', 'UIC', 'PAS Code' or 'Organization Structure ID'.

5. Verify the information on the *Report Request: Review* page. Select the 'Submit' link if correct.

Note: Selecting the 'Cancel' button at this point cancels the report request.

6. Click 'OK' on the information screen that appears next with the Request ID information.
7. When the Phase for your report shows as 'Completed' on the *Requests* page, right click on the Output icon and select 'Save Target As...' to save your report for viewing in Microsoft Excel or 'Open Link in New Window' to view the report prior to saving.

Note: Clicking the 'Refresh' button will update the Phase status for your report when it shows other than 'Completed'. If you exit this page prior to the status showing 'Completed', select the 'View Previous Requests' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page to return to this *Requests* page. Your report will be available for 48 hours.

8. Select the 'Home' link to exit this page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Produce a Report Showing the Performance Evaluation Information for Employees in My Pay Pool?

1. Select 'View/Print Performance Management Reports' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page from 'CIV Pay Pool Administrator.'

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'CIV Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Manager', 'CIV Alternate Pay Pool Administrator' and 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator'.

2. Enter 'DCIPS View/Print Pay Pool Employee Appraisal Info (Landscape)' or 'DCIPS View/Print Pay Pool Employee Appraisal Info (Portrait)' for the 'Report Name' or alternatively
 - Enter '%DCIPS%' for the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Magnifying Glass icon to the right of the 'Report Name'
 - Select the Quick Select icon next to the 'DCIPS View/Print Pay Pool Employee Appraisal Info (Landscape)' or 'DCIPS View/Print Pay Pool Employee Appraisal Info (Portrait)' Program Name
3. Enter 'Request Name' if desired and then select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
4. On the *Report: Parameters* page:
 - Enter 'Pay Pool ID'.
 - 'Mock Data' populates to a "No". If the report is for a mock, change this to a "Yes".

- Enter the 'Performance Year'.
 - Enter any additional parameters to further limit the report results, if desired.
 - Review the Print parameters listed which are populated as a "Yes". To produce the report with only limited sections, change those print sections not desired to a "No".
 - Select the 'Next' link to continue the process.
5. Verify the information on the *Report Request: Review* page. Select the 'Submit' link if correct.

Note: Selecting the 'Cancel' button at this point cancels the report request.

6. Click 'OK' on the information screen that appears next with the Request ID information.
7. When the Phase for your report shows as 'Completed' on the *Requests* page, right click on the Output icon and select 'Save Target As...' to save your report for viewing in Microsoft Excel or 'Open Link in New Window' to view the report prior to saving.

Note: Clicking the 'Refresh' button will update the Phase status for your report when it shows other than 'Completed'. If you exit this page prior to the status showing 'Completed', select the 'View Previous Requests' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page to return to this *Requests* page. Your report will be available for 48 hours.

8. Select the 'Home' link to exit this page or select the 'Logout' link to end your session.

Delegate Trusted Agent Assignments

Delegate PAA Trusted Agent Authorization allows the pay pool administrator, in the absence of the Rating Official or Reviewing Official, to assign a trusted agent(s) to act on their behalf within the DCIPS PAA. Authorization of a trusted agent(s) does not alleviate reviewing officials or rating officials of their performance management responsibilities to establish performance objectives and expectations and monitor, review, and evaluate employee performance.

Assign or Terminate a PAA Trusted Agent Authorization on behalf of the Rating Official and/or Reviewing Official for Employees in My Pay Pool?

1. Select 'Delegate PAA Trusted Agent Authorization' link from 'CIV Pay Pool Administrator'.

Note: This menu item is also available for the 'Alternate CIV Pay Pool Administrator' and the 'DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator'.

2. Enter the Rating Official's or Reviewing Official's name or use the Magnifying Glass icon to search for the name on the Rating Official/Higher Level Reviewer Search page.

3. Select the 'Find' button.
4. Select the 'Go' button under the Action column to the right of the Name for whom the trusted agent authorization is being delegated on their behalf.
5. Select the 'Role' drop-down menu.
6. Select the appropriate role; i.e., Higher Level Reviewer or Rating Official.
7. Select 'System Type' drop-down menu.
8. Select either Self Service Hierarchy or Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System.
Note: If you select 'Self Service Hierarchy' as the system type, the next screen will display names of all employees in their hierarchy. If you select 'Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System' as the system type, the next screen will display only names of employees in their hierarchy who have a PAA in progress.
9. Select the 'Go' button.
10. Select the 'Show Manage Assignment of Trusted Agent for Selected Employee(s)' link or the 'Results' table to expand the area to assign or terminate trusted agent assignments individually or as a group.
11. Select one of the following areas to update: (1) Assign Trusted Agent or (2) Terminate Trusted Agent.

Assign Trusted Agent?

1. Enter the Trusted Agent Name (required).
2. Enter Start Date (optional).
Note: This can be a future date but not earlier than the current date.
3. Enter End Date (optional).
Note: An end date can be entered to limit the assignment period. If entered, the end date cannot be less than the current date or the Start Date, whichever is more recent.
4. Under the 'Select' column on the 'Results' table, select the employee(s) whom you would like to assign as trusted agent(s).
5. Select the 'Apply' button.

Terminate Trusted Agent?

1. Enter End Date.
Note: The end date entered takes effect at the end of the day. Therefore, you cannot assign a new trusted agent until the day after the identified end date.
2. Under the 'Select' column on the 'Results' table, select the employee(s).
3. Select the 'Apply' button.

Section 8 – Troubleshooting

Employees

I have tried to update my performance objectives, and I am unable to make changes to them in the Performance Appraisal Application.

More than likely, you do not “own” your performance plan. To make any changes, you must have “ownership.” You can tell if you “own” your performance plan if on the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page your name is shown in the ‘Current Owner’ column. If you do not own your performance plan, ask your rating official to transfer your performance plan to you as follows:

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select ‘Transfer to Employee’ from the ‘Action’ drop-down menu for the performance plan listed.
3. Select the ‘Go’ link.
4. Write an e-mail message to your employee indicating that you are transferring the performance plan.
5. Select the ‘Transfer to Employee’ link at the top of the *E-Mail Notification* page.

Note: An employee cannot make changes to approved performance objectives.

I created my performance plan, and my rating official cannot make any changes.

In order for your rating official to take any action on your performance plan, it must be transferred to your rating official. Check the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page to determine who “owns” your plan. If ‘Update’ appears in the ‘Action’ drop-down menu next to your performance plan, you still own it, so you need to transfer it as follows:

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select ‘Transfer to Rating Official’ from the ‘Action’ drop-down menu for the performance plan listed.
3. Select the ‘Go’ link.
4. Write an e-mail message to your rating official indicating that you are transferring the performance plan.
5. Select the ‘Transfer to Rating Official’ link at the top of the *E-Mail Notification* page.

I have a performance objective that I want to delete, and the system will not let me delete it.

You may only delete a performance objective that you created if your performance plan has not been approved. Once your performance plan is approved, only your rating official can delete a performance objective.

My rating official has changed, and DCIPS PAA will not allow me to change the name to my new rating official.

The only time you can change the name of your rating official is when you create your performance plan. If you have a new rating official after your performance plan has been transferred to the former rating official or after your performance plan is approved, only your new rating official or your human resources administrator can make the change. This is also true if the reviewing official changes.

Rating Officials

I submitted a request form to establish an account, but I cannot access My Workplace.

Each Component has established procedures for accessing My Workplace. Check with your human resources administrator for assistance. This process applies to civilian and military rating officials and reviewing officials.

I am a civilian supervisor, and I cannot obtain a My Workplace account.

Only civilian employees with a designation of supervisory code 2 or 4 have access to My Workplace. If you are expected to rate an employee and do not have a supervisory code 2 or 4, your human resources administrator must assign the 'CIV Rating Official' responsibility to you. Once this is assigned, you can perform every activity associated with managing employee performance except building a performance plan.

My employees do not show up in DCIPS PAA when I access the PAA through My Workplace.

Check with your human resources administrator to ensure that the hierarchy of your organization is correct.

I reviewed my employee's performance plan, and I want to make changes.

For you to take any action on your employee's performance plan, it must be transferred to you. Check the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page to determine who "owns" the plan. If 'View' appears in the 'Action' drop-down menu next to the performance plan, your employee still owns the performance plan, so your employee needs to transfer it as follows:

1. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
2. Select 'Transfer to Rating Official' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the performance plan listed.
3. Select the 'Go' link.
4. Write an e-mail message to your rating official indicating that you are transferring the performance plan.
5. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link at the top of the *E-Mail Notification* page.

I have a new employee who transferred from another Component. The new employee does not show up in DCIPS PAA through My Workplace.

Check with your human resources administrator to ensure that the employee has been added to your organization's hierarchy.

Reminder: When a DCIPS employee transfers from one DCIPS organization to another DCIPS organization, the former rating official should complete:

- A closeout assessment, if the transfer occurs prior to 90 days of the end of the rating cycle
- Or
- An early annual appraisal, if the transfer occurs within 90 days of the end of the rating cycle

When an employee arrives at his or her new location, a new performance plan should be created within 30 days.

I have an employee who transferred to another DoD Component. I completed the appropriate closeout; however, it was not documented in DCPDS prior to the personnel action being processed so the employee was an ex-employee at the time it was completed. I need to get the completed performance evaluation transferred to the employee's new organization.

Ask your DCIPS Performance Appraisal Administrator to transfer the completed performance evaluation to the gaining DCPDS region as follows:

1. Select the 'Transfer PAA Request' link under the menu items listed on the Navigator page.
2. On the *List of Plans/Appraisal* page, enter the *Employee Name* and then select the 'Find' button to locate the employee's PAA. The name of the *Rating Official*, *Appraisal Year* and the *Current PAA Status* can also be entered to limit the search results.
3. Select 'Transfer to Gaining Region' from the 'Action' drop-down menu for the employee's performance plan to be transferred.
4. Select the 'Go' link.
5. Select 'Yes' to confirm the transfer.
6. Select the 'Home' link to continue your session or select the 'Logout' link to end your session

Reviewing Official

I have reviewed an employee's performance plan, and there are several changes I want made before I will approve the performance plan. The rating official indicates that no action can be taken on the employee's performance plan when accessing DCIPS PAA through My Workplace.

1. You must transfer the performance plan to the rating official so that the rating official can make your requested changes. To do so:
2. Begin at the *Performance Appraisal Application* main page.
3. Open an employee's existing performance plan by selecting 'Update' from the 'Action' drop-down menu.
4. Select the 'Go' link.

Note: The DCIPS Current PAA Status is 'Plan Pending HLR Approval.'

5. Select the *Approvals & Acknowledgments* tab.
6. In 'Step 2: Higher Level Review,' select the 'Return for Change' link.
7. Enter an e-mail message to the rating official explaining your request for changes.
8. Select the 'Transfer to Rating Official' link.
9. Select 'Logout' to exit DCIPS PAA.

Rating Flow Chart

DCIPS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FLOW CHART

