

Equal Employment Opportunity & Diversity Fundamentals Policy

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§ 1. Policy

The Equal Employment Opportunity Diversity Fundamentals (EEODF) is intended to provide State government executives, managers and supervisors with practical training that will assist them in becoming more effective managers and supervisors of an increasingly diverse workforce. The EEODF is intended to increase understanding among managers and supervisors of their roles and responsibilities in managing employees from different backgrounds and cultures, and the corresponding laws, policies and employment practices and techniques complementing this purpose.

Supervisors and Managers hired, promoted or appointed on or after July 1, 1991 are required to participate in the EEODF. Supervisors and Managers appointed before July 1, 1991 are encouraged to participate in the EEODF. Agencies, departments and universities shall not be authorized to conduct or contract for substitute training to replace EEODF.

EEODF training is designed to:

- Address and discuss the history and evolution of Equal Employment Opportunity concepts and principles.
- Assist managers and supervisors to incorporate their Equal Employment Opportunity responsibilities with other management responsibilities.
- Expose managers and supervisors to workplace equity and fairness issues.
- Review and discuss accepted management practices for valuing and managing diversity in the workplace.
- Provide understanding of how diversity can increase productivity and efficiency.
- Empower managers and supervisors to remain adaptable and flexible to meet the challenges of an ever changing and more diverse workforce.

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§ 2. Definition

Term	Definition
Supervisory position	positions in which the majority of the work performed is directing the work of other positions. These employees have the authority to assign work and to evaluate work; to hire employees; to discipline or dismiss employees; or have significant input into such actions.
Managerial positions	positions which manage established divisions or subdivisions of an agency. These employees direct the work of one or more supervisors and have the authority to hire, reward, discipline, or discharge employees. These employees may also provide suggestions for changes in policy to senior executives with policymaking authority.
Executive managerial positions	policy making positions. Employees in these positions are agency/department heads, university chancellors, deputies, assistants, vice-chancellors, and other policy makers. The employees in executive managerial positions are usually appointed or elected.
NOTE: For the purposes of this policy, the definition of supervisors, managers, and executives also includes the setting of performance expectations, conducting performance appraisal conferences and evaluating performance.	

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Incumbent Executives, Managers & Supervisors	Executive managers and supervisors hired or appointed into positions prior to July 1, 1991.
EEOFDF Candidates	<p>A) Managers and supervisors hired on or after July 1, 1991 and who may or may not have served in a management role in state government.</p> <p>B) Incumbent executives, managers and supervisors hired or appointed into current positions prior to July 1, 1991.</p> <p>C) Incumbent executives, managers and supervisors promoted/appointed to a different management position on or after July 1, 1991</p>

§ 3. Agency Responsibilities

Agencies shall:

- Enroll each supervisor or manager appointed on or after July 1, 1991 in the EEOFDF. The enrollment shall be within one year of their appointment.
 - Provide their prorated share of the cost for supplies and resource materials.
 - Verify candidate eligibility reports.
 - Enroll incumbent managers and supervisors in the EEOFDF when space is available.
 - Incorporate in their new employee orientation program a module of instruction designed to familiarize new employees with the agency's commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity.
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§ 4. Managers and Supervisors Responsibilities

Managers and supervisors shall:

- assure that their management practices are fair and that the work environment enhances equal employment opportunity; and
- attend and complete the EEODF in the prescribed time frame.

§ 5. Office of State Human Resources Responsibilities

Office of State Human Resources shall:

- conduct or approve all training, and
- fully administer the EEODF Program.

§ 6. Sources of Authority

- [N.C.G.S. § 126-16.1](#)

§ 7. History of This Policy

Date	Version
July 1, 1991	First version. This training requirement was originally created by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1991 (N.C.G.S § 126-16.1). The original course was entitled the Equal Employment Opportunity Institute (EEOI). Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Fundamentals (EEODF) is a mandatory training for all Managers and Supervisors with state agencies, departments, University of North Carolina system universities and institutions within one year of hire, promotion, or appointment on or after July 1, 1991. Managers and Supervisors hired before July 1, 1991 are strongly encouraged to complete EEODF training.
2016	The curriculum for the training was revised to make the course a blended training offering, and the name of the training was changed

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	from EEOI to Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Fundamentals (EEODF).
April 4, 2019	This policy updated is intended to reflect the name change as well as some other technical corrections to the training program.
June 4, 2020	This policy updated is intended to reflect the name change as well as some other technical corrections to the training program, and to update the policy history.