

10.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Probation within County employment shall be for a period of twelve (12) months, except the promotion probationary period shall be six (6) months, and may not be extended but may be adjusted in accordance with 10.1.B below.
- B. If an employee uses more than eighty (80) consecutive working hours of leave, is placed on leave, or is placed on restricted or limited duty status due to a work related or non-work related injury during any period of probation, the probation shall be adjusted for a period equal to the number of hours of leave used or the number of days on restricted or limited duty.

If a Corrections Officer who is serving initial probation promotes and is appointed to serve as a Deputy Sheriff, initial probation as a Corrections Officer shall be suspended. If a Corrections Officer so appointed is involuntarily demoted for failure to successfully complete initial probation as a Deputy Sheriff, initial probation as a Corrections Officer shall be resumed and adjusted to omit time served as a Deputy Sheriff.

- C. Initial probation for Sheriff's 9-1-1 Dispatchers shall be eighteen (18) months and subject to adjustment pursuant to paragraph B. above.
- D. Trainee Program

New hires and unclassified employees hired under the provisions of the Pima County Trainee Program who are non-competitively transitioned into the full performance classification shall serve twelve (12) months initial probation. Regular employees who were serving initial appointment probation prior to becoming a trainee will be required to complete their suspended initial appointment probation period upon transition into the position.

- E. An employee who fails any type of probation or the Trainee Program has no right of appeal.

Notice of probation failure may be issued at any time during the probationary period.

Employment actions resulting from probation failure, to include, but not limited to, involuntary demotion, shall be effective the date of service of notice to the employee.

10.2 TYPES OF PROBATION

A. Initial Appointment

An employee shall serve probation following initial appointment as a regular employee. Upon completion of initial probation, the employee shall automatically achieve permanent status in County employment, unless otherwise notified in writing, prior to the end of probation, by the Appointing Authority.

B. Promotion

1. An employee who is promoted shall be required to serve promotion probation.
2. The permanent status of an employee shall not be affected by serving promotion probation, and the employee shall be eligible for any other type of action during this period.
3. A promoted employee who fails promotion probation shall be subject to involuntary demotion, except that an employee serving initial probation who promotes within the same department and who fails promotion probation may be terminated for failure to successfully complete initial probation.

C. Demotion

1. A demoted employee may be required to serve probation in the position to which demoted.
2. The permanent status of an employee shall not be affected by serving demotion probation, except that an employee demoted for a disciplinary reason who fails demotion probation shall be dismissed.
3. A permanent employee demoted for a non-disciplinary reason who fails demotion probation shall be laid off from the present position to which demoted. In such circumstances the laid-off employee is not eligible for reinstatement to the position from which laid off.

D. Reemployment

Any laid-off employee who is reemployed shall be required to serve initial probation and shall not become permanent until probation is successfully completed.

10.2 E. Reinstatement

1. Any laid-off employee who is reinstated shall regain permanent status and may be required to serve probation pursuant to Section 10.1 A. of this Policy.
2. A reinstated employee who fails reinstatement probation shall be eligible for reinstatement for the duration of the reinstatement period. The employee shall be eligible and may be considered for reinstatement to another position in the same classification within the same department.
3. A terminated employee reinstated by order of the Merit System Commission shall not be required to serve probation.

F. Reappointment/Open Range Reappointment

1. A reappointed employee may be required to serve probation in the position to which reappointed.
2. The permanent status of the employee shall not be affected by serving reappointment probation, and the employee shall be eligible for any other type of action during this period.
3. A reappointed employee who fails to successfully complete reappointment probation may return to a position with the same classification and to the same salary previously held.
  - a. If such a vacant position exists in the employee's present department, the Appointing Authority may place the employee in that position and may require the employee to serve probation. Failure to complete this probation shall result in layoff.
  - b. If no such vacancy exists in the present department, the previous department, if applicable, may place the employee in his/her previous position if vacant.
  - c. If no placement action is made, the employee shall be laid off from the classification previously held and within the present department, except that an employee serving initial probation who is reappointed within the same department and who fails reappointment probation may be terminated for failure to successfully complete initial probation.

10.2 G. Rehire

A rehired employee who was formerly a permanent status Corrections Officer, Sheriff's 9-1-1 Call Taker or Sheriff's 9-1-1 Dispatcher who resigned in good standing as provided for in these Rules shall serve a probation period as provided in Section 10.1 A. above.

10.3 PROBATION PERIOD CREDIT

Probation period credit shall be granted only for continuous service in the classification to which appointed. In no case shall the probation period credit received exceed the number of hours worked in that classification.

A. Detail

When an employee is detailed into a position of a higher classification, the time served may be applied to the required promotion probation upon a competitive appointment into that position.

B. Temporary

When a temporary employee is competitively appointed as a regular employee, any portion of service in the same classification may be applied to the required initial probation if no break in service results from the change of status.