

RULE 29. CONTINGENT PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS

a. A position left temporarily vacant by the leave of absence of the permanent incumbent may be filled, at the discretion of the appointing authority, by a contingent permanent appointment through the use of an open-competitive or promotion eligible list. Any person appointed on a contingent permanent basis shall have all the rights and benefits of a permanent competitive class employee subject to the following limitations:

1. Probationary Period: All appointments under this rule shall be required to complete the probationary period for original appointment or promotion as prescribed in these rules.
 2. Return of Incumbents: In the event of layoff or the permanent incumbent returns from leave of absence, persons holding positions on a contingent permanent basis shall be displaced before any persons holding permanent status in the same title regardless of total seniority. In the event more than one position in the same title is held by persons having contingent permanent appointments, displacement among those persons shall be based on their respective retention standing as detailed in Rule 27.
 3. Preferred List: Upon displacement, if the contingent permanent appointee was made from a promotion eligible list, he/she shall be restored to his/her permanent position and have their name placed on a preferred eligible list for certification as a mandatory list only to the department or agency in which the contingent permanent appointment was made. If the contingent permanent appointee was appointed from an open-competitive eligible list and does not have a permanent position to return to, he/she shall have their name placed on a preferred eligible list for certification as a mandatory list in the civil division in which the contingent permanent appointment was made.
 4. Seniority: When a contingent permanent appointment matures into a permanent appointment, the date of permanent service shall be the date of the original contingent permanent appointment.
 5. Promotion: When a permanent competitive class employee accepts a contingent permanent appointment, the position vacated by such employee shall not be filled except on a temporary or contingent permanent basis until the contingent permanent appointment matures into a permanent appointment.
 6. Leave Without Pay: Any individual receiving an appointment under this rule may receive the same leave without pay entitlements associated with permanent competitive class status except any such leave and appointment under this rule may be terminated upon the return of the permanent incumbent as described in (2) above.
- b. All appointments under this rule shall be canvassed as “permanent-contingent permanent”. A copy of this rule must be included with the canvass letter.
- c. Appointments to contingent permanent positions shall be made by selection of one of the top three candidates on an appropriate eligible list willing to accept a contingent permanent appointment; there will be no recanvassing of the eligible list in the event the contingent permanent position becomes unencumbered. Acceptance of a contingent permanent appointment will remove the person's name from the eligible list for any future contingent permanent or permanent vacancies within the department or agency in which the contingent permanent appointment was made.
- d. If a permanent vacancy becomes available in the same title in the department or agency in which a contingent permanent appointment has been made, contingent permanent appointees shall be offered reassignment, prior to canvassing for a permanent appointment from an appropriate eligible list or prior to appointing a temporary or provisional to the positions.
- e. When a position filled by a contingent permanent appointee becomes unencumbered, the contingent permanent appointee in that position shall immediately gain permanent competitive class status in the class if the required probationary period as prescribed in this rule has been satisfactorily completed.
- f. Upon approval of this rule all individuals holding temporary appointments from eligible lists to encumbered positions shall have their temporary appointments changed to contingent permanent appointments and shall thereafter be governed by the provisions of this rule. (Approved by NYS Civil Service Commission May 4, 1988.)