

# Classification

The Department of Human Resources shall adopt a **uniform and equitable plan of classification** for each position within State service. For purposes of **internal position alignment** and **assignment of position to salary ranges**, the plan shall be based upon a job content comparison method of job evaluation. **Job content comparison method** means a system under which positions are assigned to salary ranges based on a scale of values against which job evaluation of individual positions are compared.

3 VSA Section 310 (a)



**Proper Classification review takes time.**  
**Time for departments to outline job duties.**  
**Time for Classification to review and perform Job Class Reviews.**

## Classification Systems help to ...

### + Draw in New Talent

- Keeping up-to-date with the Job Market.



### + Increase Morale

- Promotion opportunities
- Career Ladders



### + Ensure Compliance & Minimize Grievances

- Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

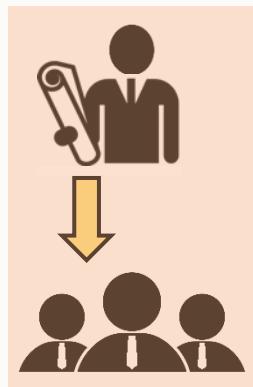


## The issues our Classification System currently faces ...



### Compression at Top Pay Grades

- As an increasing number of high-level duties are added to the workload of managers, for the work to be completed, high level duties are passed down the ranks.



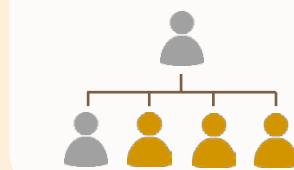
- Budgeting** - The Collective Bargaining Agreements require a 5% or 8% increase to employees' hourly rate if their job class is upgraded. This can lead to unanticipated costs.



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## Our Team



1 Deputy Director,  
1 Program Tech,  
3 Analysts

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Notice of Actions\*

\* NOAs are created after a classification review. A single NOA may affect multiple positions.

## Current Classification System elements:

### \* Job Content Comparison Method

- Willis (in use since the 1980's)

Compares relative job content within an organization, based on 4 components:

- Job Knowledge and Skills
- Mental Demands
- Accountability
- Working Conditions

### \* Collective Bargaining Agreement

Determines terms of...

- who can submit a review of position duties
- impact on pay
- grievance processes

### \* Policies

Defines...

- administration of classification review
- impact on pay
- job ladder for promotion (Decentralized Reallocation)

## Classification Next Steps

- Consultant Services
- Purchase a new system
- Develop a new compensation plan
- Collective Bargaining Agreement

to address:

**⚠ Compression at the top Pay Grades**

**⚠ Unpredictable budget impacts**