

UC Irvine Human Resources

2026 Salary Increase Guidelines for Non-Represented Employees (intended for use by Administrators)

1. What is the effective date of the 4% salary increase for non-represented employees?

Salary increases are effective July 1, 2026, for monthly paid employees and June 21, 2026, for bi-weekly paid employees.

2. When will salary adjustments begin to be paid out?

Salary increases will begin to be paid out on July 31, 2026 for monthly paid employees and July 29, 2026 for bi-weekly paid employees, including retroactive pay back to June 21, 2026.

3. How will the salary increases be implemented?

The 4% salary increases will be processed centrally by UCI HR People Services (using **June 26** "pull date"). Central HR Offices will receive preliminary eligibility files. At campus, central HR will reach out to local HR with questions. People Services will submit the final mass update spreadsheet to the UCPath Center by **July 15**. Post-run reports will be provided to local HR at campus and central HR offices shortly after **July 20**.

4. Who is considered a "career" employee?

PPSM policy covered employees with an empl class *career* and *partial-year career* (empl class codes 2 and 7) are considered "career" employees.

5. How will contract (empl class code 1) employees who are eligible for a salary increase be processed?

Non-represented contract employees will be included in the central implementation unless an employee's employment contract **does not** include the statement, *"Any changes in your salary shall be in accordance with Personnel Policies for Staff Members (PPSM) 30: Compensation."* Local HR at campus and Central HR Offices should notify Maria Teider by **July 6** of any contract employees who are not eligible for the salary increase.

Job End Date extensions for contract employees must be completed in UCPath by **July 7** in order for salary increase to be centrally processed.

If departments want to give salary increases to employees whose employment contracts do NOT include the above referenced language regarding PPSM 30, they may do so as a regular salary increase and execute an amendment to the agreement (this is not a renegotiation or executing a full agreement; just an amendment). Departments will be responsible for entering these increases into UCPath.

6. Are employees on leave status eligible for a salary increase?

Yes, assuming they meet all other eligibility criteria, increases for employees on leave status will be processed centrally. However, there may be special circumstances in which the department is asked to process the increase.

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7. Will there be a moratorium, or “freeze”, on UCPATH transactions?

Yes, UCPATH will be "frozen" July 15 to July 17 for both biweekly paid and monthly paid employees while the system implementation process is completed.

8. If appointment changes are entered with a retroactive date prior to July 1, will the salaries be recalculated centrally or by the departments?

The departments will recalculate the salaries when they enter the changes into UCPATH.

9. Do stipends that are calculated as a percentage of salary rather than as a fixed dollar (e.g., employee receives 5% of salary rather than \$200/month) have to be recalculated if the salary is adjusted?

Yes, percentage-based stipends must be recalculated when the salary is adjusted. After the salary increases are downloaded, departments will be responsible for recalculating and entering stipends into UCPATH.

10. Will the pay ranges be adjusted on or before July 1, 2026?

Yes, the non-represented pay ranges will be adjusted 3% in accordance with the external market effective July 1, 2026. The new salary structure for FY 2026-27 can be found on the Career Tracks web site at [Career Tracks web page](#).

11. If the salary range minimums are adjusted, how will salaries that fall below the new range minimums be processed?

The adjustment of salaries that fall below the new minimums will be processed centrally by UCI HR People Services.

12. What if an employee's salary is at or near pay range maximum?

If an employee with a salary at or near pay range maximum receives a general salary increase, his/her salary will be increased to no higher than the pay range maximum and then the portion of the increase that exceeds pay range maximum will be paid out as a one-time lump sum non-base building (will not be added to base salary) payment pending UCOP approval.

13. What is the order of salary adjustments that have the same effective date?

Under PPSM policy, if more than one salary action takes place on the same date, applicable actions will occur in the following order:

1. General salary increase (aka Across-the-Board or ATB adjustment)
2. Individual salary action resulting from promotion, reclassification, lateral transfer, demotion or equity increase
3. Salary range adjustment

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Please be sure to hold updating UCPATH for any pay changes mentioned in #2 above that are effective 6/21/26 (biweekly) or 7/1/26 (monthly) until after the general salary increases are processed so that the employee's adjustment do not "error out" during the mass upload of general salary increases.

- 14. If an individual salary action mentioned in Question 13 is entered before the 4% salary increase (both effective July 1) and "errors out", will the salaries be recalculated centrally or by the departments?**

The departments will have to process the 4% salary increase manually and then reenter the subsequent salary adjustment(s).

- 15. An employee is promoted or reclassified from a represented position (covered by the bargaining unit contract) into a non-represented PPSM position on or after January 1, 2026, and received a promotional/reclassification salary increase. Is this employee eligible to receive the 4% salary increase?**

Yes, if the employee meets the eligibility criteria which can be found on the [2026 Salary Increase web page](#).

- 16. Will UCI HR provide employee notification letters?**

Employee Notification Letters will be distributed to all employees centrally by Human Resources via email the week of **July 20**. Employees will be directed to UCPATH to view their new salaries. Post-run reports will be provided to local HR at campus and central HR offices shortly after **July 20**.

- 17. Should employees who have separated from the University on or after the effective date of the program, but before the payout date, receive the increase?**

No, employees must be on active status (or on approved leave) on the applicable payout date to be eligible for the salary increase. Departments will manually reverse the increases that have been downloaded into UCPATH for separated employees and recalculate final paychecks. If you have questions, contact the Employee Experience Center team: (949) 824-0500 M.-F. 8:30-5:00 or 24/7 at EEC.hr@uci.edu.

- 18. An employee recently transferred from a limited appointment to career appointment. Are they eligible to receive the salary increase?**

It depends. Assuming that the eligibility criteria is met, then, yes, the employee is eligible. The department will need to determine the employee's probationary end date by using the [Probation/Merit Date Calculator](#).

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19. What if an employee transferred from another UC location after January 1, 2026, but meets all of the other eligibility criteria?

Employees who transfer from another UC location are eligible to receive the increase as long as their date of hire with UC was on or before January 1, 2026, there was no break in service, and the employee meets all other eligibility requirements.

20. Is a career employee who goes below .50 FTE still eligible for a salary increase?

No. Once a career employee drops below a .50 FTE, the appointment status changes to Limited (appointment type 3). If this occurs before July 1, 2026, the employee is no longer eligible for an increase. Departments will manually reverse increases that have been downloaded into UCPath for employees who convert to Limited appointments and recalculate final paychecks. If you have questions, contact the Employee Experience Center team: (949) 824-0500 M.-F. 8:30-5:00 or 24/7 at EEC.hr@uci.edu.

21. If an employee received an increase due to SB 525 in July 2026, will that impact the 4% general salary increase in July 2026?

Since both adjustments are effective on the same day in 2026, we will follow the order of salary adjustments outlined in Question 13 above. If there is a non-represented general increase, any pay increase because of SB 525 will be made after the 4% salary increase is implemented. For more information, view the [SB 525 FAQs](#).

Questions

For more information regarding the 2026 4% general salary increase for non-represented employees, visit the [2026 Salary Increase web page](#).

For questions or concerns, please contact your HR Business Partner or the Employee Experience Center (EEC) at eec@uci.edu or 949.824.0500, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m.