

**11—59.5(8A) Transfer.** An employee may request a voluntary transfer. The decision to grant or deny the request is the appointing authority's.

An appointing authority may involuntarily transfer an employee. To do so, any applicable collective bargaining agreement provisions regarding transfer must first be exhausted. Transfers may be interagency or intra-agency. Involuntary interagency transfers require the approval of both the sending and the receiving appointing authorities.

To be eligible to transfer, the employee must meet any minimum qualifications and selective requirements for the position.

If the transfer of an employee would result in the loss of merit system coverage, the transfer shall not take place without the affected employee's written consent to the change in merit system coverage. A copy of the consent letter shall be forwarded by the appointing authority to the director. If the employee does not consent to the change in coverage, a reduction in force may be initiated in accordance with these rules or the applicable collective bargaining agreement.