

POLICY: Personnel Files Number: 5.1.4

Responsibility:	Human Resources
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State Policy/Law:	SBTCE Policy 8-0-106: Personnel Files
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Commission Chair	President

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The Technical College of the Lowcountry abides by South Carolina guidelines concerning an employee's and his/her supervisor's access to inspect his/her personnel file upon request. The Technical College of the Lowcountry will follow the spirit, letter, and intent of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education Policy 8-0-106 Personnel Files.

An employee shall be permitted to add to his/her file any items which he/she believes are pertinent. However, no one may remove items from a personnel file.

An employee shall be joined by a Human Resources staff member when reviewing any personnel file. All information, forms, reports, background checks, official transcripts, certificates, licenses, verifications of previous work experience, and other documentation in support of applications that result in employment, including any subsequent change in employment status, must be preserved on file at the College.

Individual personnel files are subject to selective or general audit from time to time by the College president or his/her designee or the State Board.