

# MERITOCRACY: THE CANADIAN MODEL AND THE SPECIFIC CASE OF QUEBEC

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#### THE EVOLUTION OF THE MERIT PRINCIPLE IN CANADA

- Beginning of the last century : Patronage
- 1908-1918 : Creation of the Civil Service Commission and The Civil Service Act : A legal recognition of the merit principle
- 1966 : The Public Service Employment Act : Creation of the Public Service Commission with a mandate focused on the preservation of the merit principle
- 2003 : The Public Service Modernization Act : A new definition of the notion of merit

# THE FOUNDATION OF THE CANADIAN MODEL



## THE EXAMPLE OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

#### Creation of the Commission de la Fonction publique québécoise



Mission :

- Equal access to the public service
- The required competencies
- Decisions are impartial and equitable

#### HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE QUEBEC PUBLIC SERVICE

- Merit
  - Responds to the job requirements
  - Competent on the job
- Equal access
- Equity and non-partisanship
- Transparency
- Efficiency

# THE RIGHT PERSON IN THE RIGHT PLACE

#### **COMPETENCY-BASED MANAGEMENT**

Based on :

- The development of competency profiles for a job level
- The use of these profiles in various human resource management activities
  - Staffing
  - Selection
  - Carreer development

#### WHAT IS A COMPETENCY?

Knowledge

An integrated set of :

Selfmanagement (attitudes)

Know-how (skills)

#### FACTORS THAT AFFECT COMPETENCIES TO BE EVALUATED

- Sector in which the organization operates
- Management job level
- Type of management
- Quantitative scope of responsibilities
- Context

## **COMPETENCY FRAME OF REFERENCE** (PROFILE)

- Refers to the set of competencies that are required in order to do a job (knowledge, know-how, self-management)
- Permits the alignment of desired competencies to organizational expectations, to the vision
- Conveys a shared vision of the job
- Permits the identification of human resource development strategies
- Constantly evolving

1. Identifying competencies

2. Defining competencies

3. Identifying measurable behavior

4. Shaping the structure

5. Validating

#### **STEP 1 : IDENTIFYING COMPETENCIES**



#### **STEP 2 : DEFINING COMPETENCIES**

The definition :

- Exactly reflects what competency is
- Covers all the necessary concepts of the competency
- Refers to the real situation experienced by all those holding the position
- Clear, easy to understand

#### **STEP 3 : IDENTIFYING MEASURABLE BEHAVIOR**

- Observable behavior;
- Specific behavior (that does not intersect with other behavior);
- Behavior that does not include two components;
- Affirmative behavior;
- Behavior expressed in simple and easily understood language;

#### **STEP 4 : SHAPING THE ARCHITECTURE**

- Structure the competencies :
  - Foundations
  - Core competencies
  - Complementary competencies
- Create visual

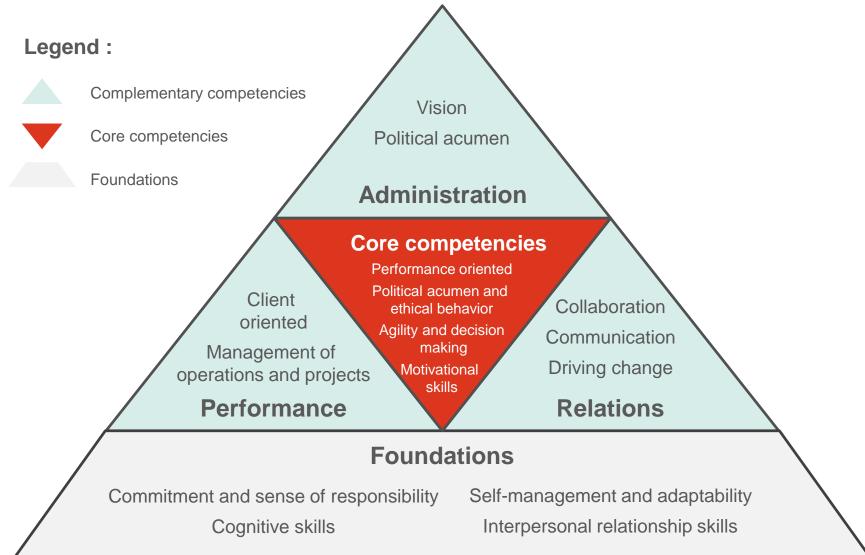
#### **STEP 5 : VALIDATING**

- Experts in measurement and evaluation
- Experts in training program development
- Content experts
- Managers or representatives
- Communications experts

## WHY ENAP IS THE BEST PARTNER?

- Neutrality and independence
- Contextual knowledge
- Expertise and capacity to define and evaluate competencies
- Expertise and capacity to develop training program linked to the profile

#### THE COMPETENCY PROFILE OF THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT



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# TRAINING PROGRAM FOR STATE MANAGERS

- Objective: Improve management competencies and leadership in order to have better professional and collective impact
- Level 1:
  - Mandatory learning roadmap for all newly appointed managers
  - 19 days' training spread over 24 months
- Level 2
  - For managers of managers or experienced managers
  - Optional
  - 15 days' training spread over about 15 months

### CONCLUSION

Our new challenges :

- Implementation of citizen-centred programs
- Justification of expenditures
- Results-based management
- Ethical behavior
- And the use of effective human resource management methods

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