

How to initiate a return from leave of absence in HCM:

This job aid outlines how to initiate a return from Leave of Absence (leave without pay) action. This is also the process to return a faculty member from sabbatical or professional leave (known as Paid Leave).

Navigation: Employee Self Service > My Homepage > ePAF Homepage

Information

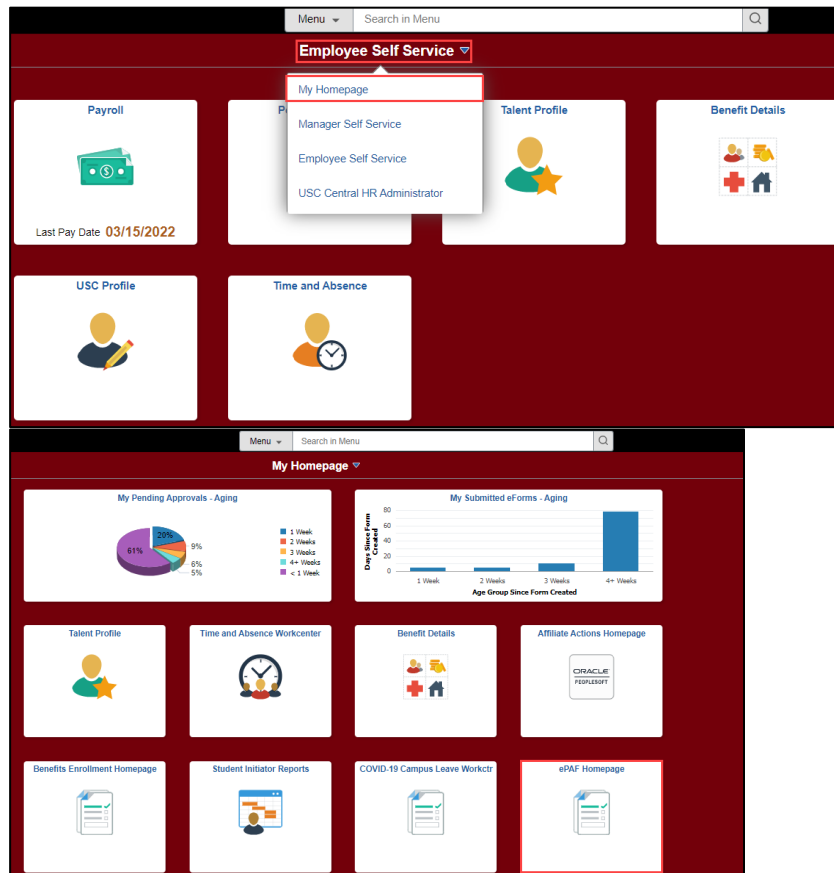
Those with HR Initiator access can take this action for employees within their security scope.

An employee in a leave of absence status remains in that status until you initiate a **Return from Leave** action on the Status Change eForm. In addition, an employee on sabbatical or professional leave remains in that status until you initiate a **Return from Leave** action as well.

Initiating a return from leave of absence/return from paid leave action: In order to initiate a return from leave for one of your employees, take the following steps:

1. Click the **Employee Self-Service** drop-down menu button.
2. Click the **My Homepage** option in the drop-down.
3. Click the **ePAF Homepage** tile.

Screenshots

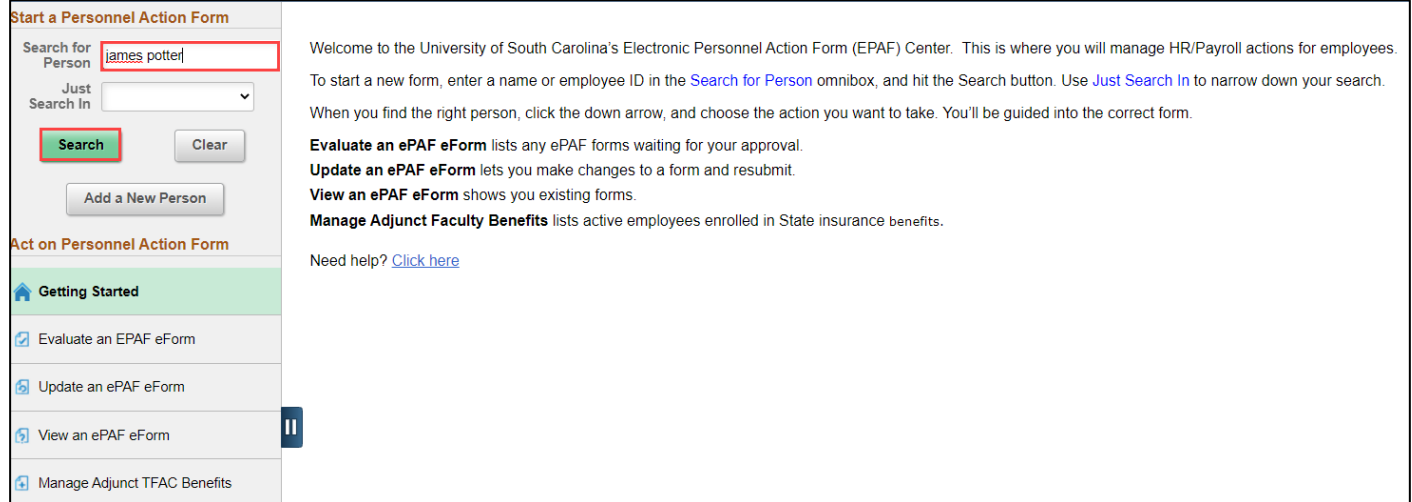


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On the ePAF homepage enter your employee's name or USC ID in the **Search for Person** field, then click the **Search** button.

The results that appear are referred to as **Search Cards**. Determine the appropriate Search Card by reviewing the EMPL ID (aka USC ID), EMPL record, Department, EMPL Class, and other data presented.

On the appropriate Search Card, click the **Related Actions Menu** button.



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Welcome to the University of South Carolina's Electronic Personnel Action Form (EPAF) Center. This is where you will manage HR/Payroll actions for employees. To start a new form, enter a name or employee ID in the [Search for Person](#) omnibox, and hit the Search button. Use [Just Search In](#) to narrow down your search. When you find the right person, click the down arrow, and choose the action you want to take. You'll be guided into the correct form.

Evaluate an ePAF eForm lists any ePAF forms waiting for your approval.
Update an ePAF eForm lets you make changes to a form and resubmit.
View an ePAF eForm shows you existing forms.
Manage Adjunct Faculty Benefits lists active employees enrolled in State insurance benefits.

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Current Employee

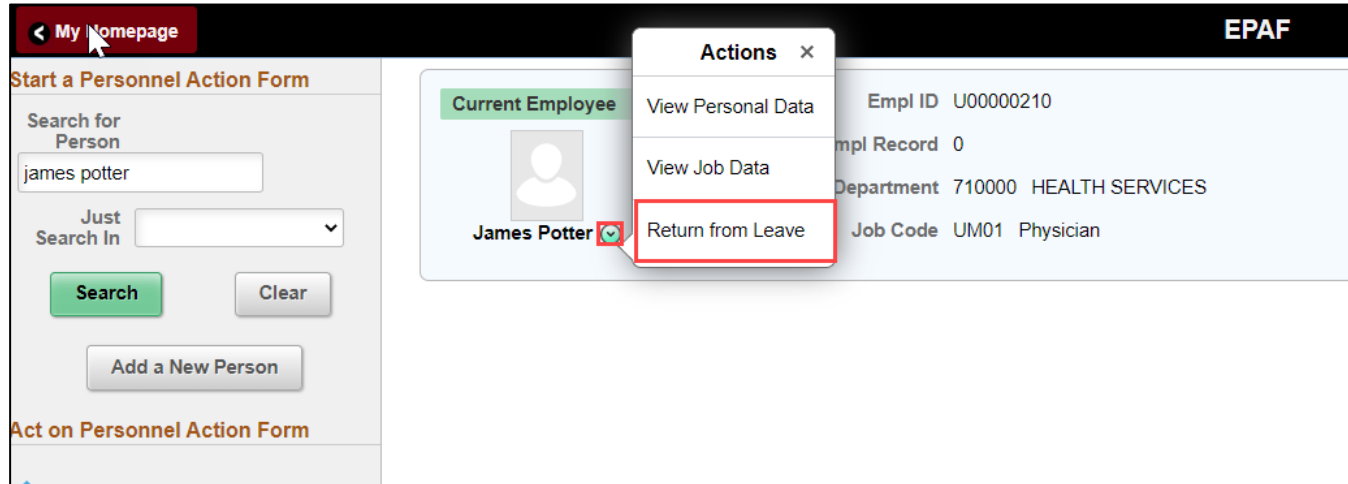
Empl ID	U00000210	Business Unit	SCCOL USC Columbia
Empl Record	0	Job Indicator	Primary Job
Department	710000 HEALTH SERVICES	Empl Class	FTE Full Time Equivalent
Job Code	UM01 Physician	Faculty/Staff	Staff

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The **Related Actions Menu** shows all of the actions/eForms which the user has authority to initiate on this specific employee's EMPL record.

For employees currently out on Leave of Absence (Leave without Pay) or faculty in a Paid Leave status (sabbatical or professional leave) the only available action in the **Related Actions Menu** is **Return from Leave**.

From the Related Actions Menu, click the **Return from Leave** option.



The screenshot shows the 'My Homepage' interface for 'EPAF'. On the left, under 'Start a Personnel Action Form', there is a search box containing 'james potter' and a 'Search' button. In the center, a 'Current Employee' card for 'James Potter' is displayed with a red checkmark icon. An 'Actions' dropdown menu is open over the card, listing 'View Personal Data', 'View Job Data', and 'Return from Leave'. The 'Return from Leave' option is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the card, employee details are shown: Empl ID U00000210, Empl Record 0, Department 710000 HEALTH SERVICES, and Job Code UM01 Physician.

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Completing the Status Change eForm:

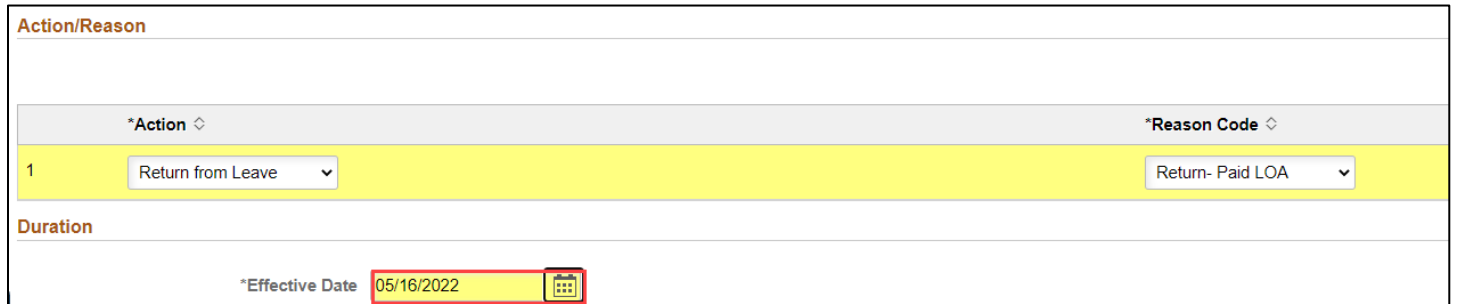
1. The **Action of Return from Leave** has pre-populated based on your selection on the Related Actions Menu.

2. Click the **Reason Code** drop-down menu button to select the appropriate reason for the leave of absence.
 - a. **Return-LWOP** is used to return an employee from a leave of absence/leave without pay status.
 - b. **Return-Paid LOA** is used strictly for faculty who have been on sabbatical or professional leave.

3. Enter the **Effective Date** that the employee is returning from leave. This should be the first day the employee is back to work/no longer on leave.



This screenshot shows the 'Status Change : Details' form. At the top right, it displays 'Form ID 372217' and 'Highlights Enabled: Yes'. The main section is titled 'Action/Reason' and contains a table with one row. The table has two columns: '*Action' and '*Reason Code'. The '*Action' column contains 'Return from Leave'. The '*Reason Code' column has a dropdown menu open, showing options: 'Return- LWOP' and 'Return- Paid LOA'. The 'Duration' section is currently empty.

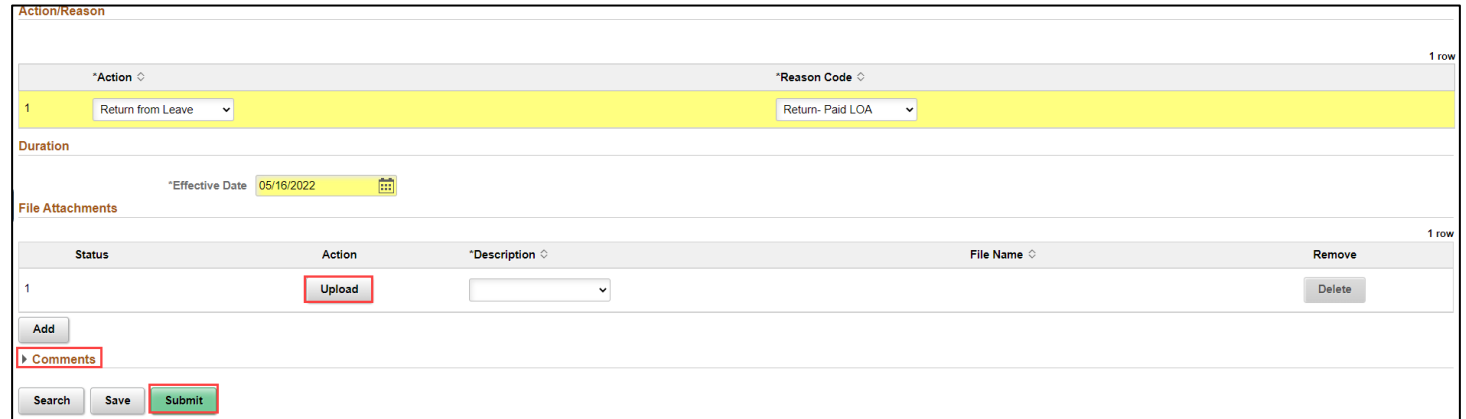


This screenshot shows the 'Status Change : Details' form with the dropdown menu closed. The '*Reason Code' column now displays 'Return- Paid LOA'. Below the table, the '*Effective Date' field is populated with '05/16/2022' and has a calendar icon next to it.

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4. Return from Leave actions require an attachment or comment documenting the employee's return from leave status. Either click the **Upload** button on both attachments and follow the on-screen prompts to attach the documents from your device or click the **Comments** link to expand the open comments field to write your justification.

5. Review your work on the eForm. Once you've confirmed the data click the **Submit** button.



The screenshot displays the 'Action/Reason' section of the eForm. It features a table with one row where the 'Action' is 'Return from Leave' and the 'Reason Code' is 'Return- Paid LOA'. Below this is the 'Duration' section with an 'Effective Date' of 05/16/2022. The 'File Attachments' section contains a table with one row, an 'Upload' button, and a 'Delete' button. A 'Comments' link is also visible. At the bottom, there are 'Search', 'Save', and 'Submit' buttons.

Action/Reason	
*Action	*Reason Code
1 Return from Leave	Return- Paid LOA

Duration

*Effective Date 05/16/2022

File Attachments				
Status	Action	*Description	File Name	Remove
1	Upload			Delete

Add

Comments

Search Save Submit

6. The eForm has successfully submitted! Always click the **View Approval Route** button to see the workflow steps for the action.
7. The Approval Route shows the workflow steps for the specific action you submitted. Status Change eForms have a shortened workflow, only requiring one internal approver before routing to the applicable central HR office.
 - a. Payroll is not in the workflow for any HR eForm, rather they have view access to all eForms. This workflow step will always say **Not Routed**.
8. Upon review of the workflow, click the **Done** button.

You have successfully initiated a **Return from Leave** action!

+ Status Change : Results

You have successfully submitted your eForm.
The eForm has been routed to the next approval step.
[multiple approvers.](#)

View Approval Route

▸ **Signature/Action Logs**

You have successfully submitted your eForm.

Cancel **Done**

Review/Edit Approvers

Basic Stage

▼ G3FORM_ID=671101 Pending

Basic Path

Pending

Multiple Approvers
Dept_Approver_1

▶

Not Routed

Multiple Approvers
HR Operations

▶

Not Routed

Multiple Approvers
Payroll Acct