

WF-16 SBWP Workflow Rejection

Purpose

The purpose of this Business Process Procedure is to explain how to reject a Work Item in the Integrated HR-Payroll System.

For the procedure on how to approve an item, use this document instead: [WF-09 HR-PY System Workflow Approval](#)

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Trigger

A PCR (Personnel Change Request) workflow item has arrived in your SAP Inbox for review.

Business Process Procedure Overview

All PCRs initiated/requested via workflow will go through an approval process. Depending on the action being processed (type of personnel action such as New Hire or Separation), different levels of approval are required. The levels of approval may include Division, Agency, OSHR or Funding.

Review the data within the PCR, add any comments as appropriate using the Services for Objects functionality (notes/attachments/URLs), and either approve or reject the PCR. If you approve the PCR, it will be sent to the next defined stage of the approval process.

Tips and Tricks

SAP Business Workplace Inbox Functionality

- The SAP Business Workplace inbox is where all workflow documents will be initiated/requested, and where all workflow documents will arrive for approvers to review and respond.
- For more information on the SAP Business Workplace, including an overview of all Tree Functions (folders, organization of the workplace), see the Business Workplace Overview Tree Functions Job Aid on the OSC Training Help website. See Additional Resources section at the end of this document.

Access Transaction

Via Transaction Code: **SBWP**

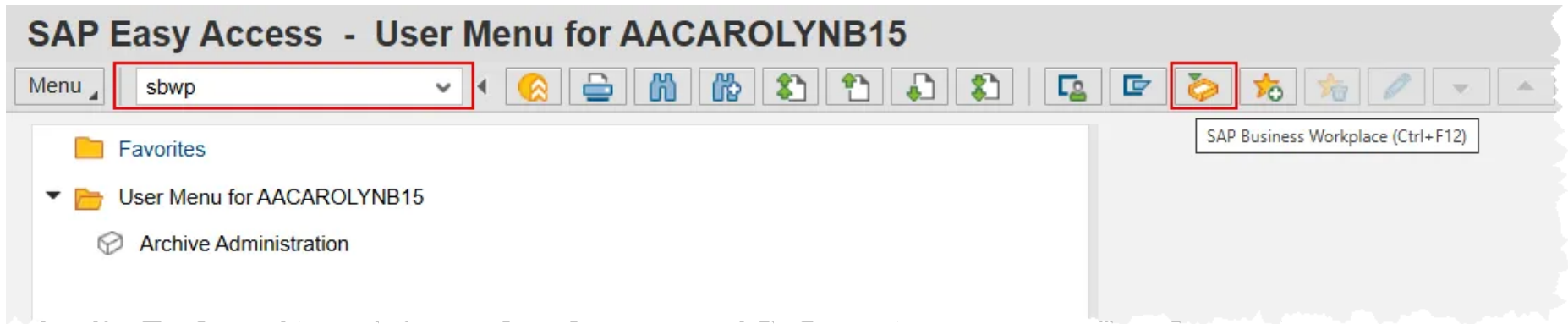
Click the SAP Business Workplace button. (see step #1).

Procedure

There are 16 steps to complete this process.

Step 1. Either click the **SAP Business Workplace** button or type '**sbwp**' in the command field and press enter.

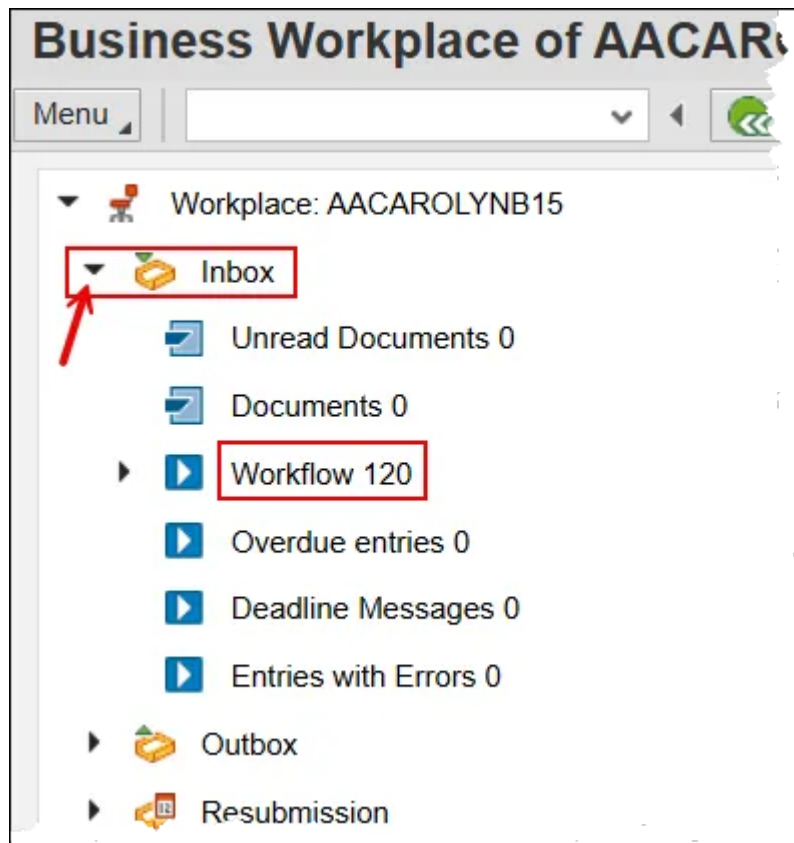
Image



Step 2. Click on the **node (triangle)** next to Inbox then click on the word '**Workflow #**' in the resulting list. The number represents the amount of Work Items awaiting review.

Although clicking on the word Inbox will produce Work Items to review, the button bar will be missing the **Environment** button, which is where you will access the **Workflow Header**. Following the instruction above will give you a list of Work Items and the Environment button.

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Step 3. Identify and double click the PCR which needs your attention. In the below example, we will be using PCR 100005711. You can also single click the PCR and then click the Execute button.

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Business Workplace of AACAROLYNB15

Menu | [Dropdown] | [Icons] | [New message] | [Find folder] | [Find document] | [Appointment calendar] | [Distribution lists]

Workplace: AACAROLYNB15

- Inbox
 - Unread Documents 0
 - Documents 0
 - Workflow 120**
 - Overdue entries 0
 - Deadline Messages 0
 - Entries with Errors 0
- Outbox
- Resubmission
- Private folders
- Shared folders

Workflow 120

[Icons]

Exe...	Title	Status	Creation Date	Creation ...	P...	Atta...
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger01 PCR: 1000005706	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:33:30	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger02 PCR: 1000005707	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:33:21	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger03 PCR: 1000005708	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:33:15	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger04 PCR: 1000005709	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:33:08	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger05 PCR: 1000005710	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:33:02	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger06 PCR: 1000005711	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:32:56	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger07 PCR: 1000005712	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:32:52	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger08 PCR: 1000005713	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:32:47	5	
[Icon]	4601 PAAction - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger09 PCR: 1000005714	[Icon]	04/22/2024	16:32:42	5	

The list of PCRs has several columns. Some that are returned by default include: **Title**, **Status**, **Creation Date**, and **Creation Time**. These columns can be reordered and resized. Columns can be removed from the display and other columns not currently being displayed can be added to the results. See [WF-14](#) for further information on these processes.

Step 4. Click on the **Workflow Header**. It is always the second link from the bottom in the 'Objects and attachments' area and will include the PCR number.

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Decision Step in Workflow

Menu

Workflow

Create

Import

4601 PA Action - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger06 PCR: 1000005711

Choose one of the following alternatives

Approve Change

Return to the Initiator

Cancel and keep work item in inbox

Description

Workflow status: **In Process**

See Attachments/Notes in PCR document.

Please review the information in this screen and make one of the following choices:

Approve change - the request will continue onto the next approver or processor.

Return to the initiator - the request will be returned to the person creating

Objects and attachments

- [Object Attachment: Salary Adjustment](#)
- [PA PCR: Dianne Burger06 PCR:1000005711](#)
- [PCR_List: Workflow Tracker](#)

Step 5. Review the PCR details as appropriate.

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Employee Action Request



Menu



PCR Number 1000005711

Personnel Number 80000555 Dianne Burger06

Action: ZC Salary Adjustment (NC)

Last 4 digits(SSN)

Reason: 01 Salary Adjustment

Effective on 04/01/2024

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CURRE...

PROPOS...

Pers.Area 4601 Natural and Cultural Resources

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Subarea NC01 7day Norm

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EE Group A SPA Employees

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EE Subgroup A1 FT N-FLSAOT Perm

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Job 32000719 Regional History Museum A

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EE Position 65001719 Administrator Museum Of The Cap...

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Basic Pay

Pay Scale type 18 North Carolina

Pay Scale type 18 North Carolina

Pay Scale Area 01 Annual Salaries

Pay Scale Area 01 Annual Salaries

Pay Scale Group NC15 Level 01

Pay Scale Group NC15 Level 01

Annual Salary 51,616.00 Hrly Sal 0.00

Annual Salary 56,777.00 Hourly Salary 0.00

Calc Step - MIN

Calc Step - -MP 10.00

Min 51,616.00

Max 61,294.00

Next Inc Date

Notes:

PA work items will all have the same look. The left hand side will display current employee data (and will be blank for New Hire actions). The right hand side will display the proposed new data, some of which may be the same as current.

OM work items are dependent on the action being proposed. Similar to PA actions, most OM actions will have current data in a column on the left and proposed new data on the right. The notable exception to this standard is a Create New Position action since there is no current data to display. Each OM action will display the various fields that may be changed as part of the action. Some of these fields may appear on different tabs. Each of the fields is clearly labeled and there will be no question as to what data is being shown.

The picture below is an example of a Reallocate Position action with the General, Time, and Cost tabs highlighted.

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Reallocate Position Horizontal - WORK FLOW WAITING FOR COMPLETION

Menu

Position
65002232
chivist III

PCR Number
5000002364

Valid from
01/01/2024
to
12/31/9999

Holder
80000810
Barbara Phillips16

Personnel area
4601
Natural and Cultural Resources

Org Unit
20010150
CR CDS A&H HIS RES A&R ST AR Spec ...

Reports To
60083339
Archivist Supervisor

Supervisor

WF Status
A
Approved

General
Time
Cost

Current Values
New Values

Position Relationships

Position abbr.
800904001059
Archglgist

Position Name
Archivist III
Archaeologist

Job
30001550
Archivist III
32000697
Archaeologist II

SOC Code
254011
Archivists
193091
Anthropologists and Archeologists

Reports To
60083339
Archivist Supervisor
60083339
Archivist Supervisor

Employee Group/Subgroup

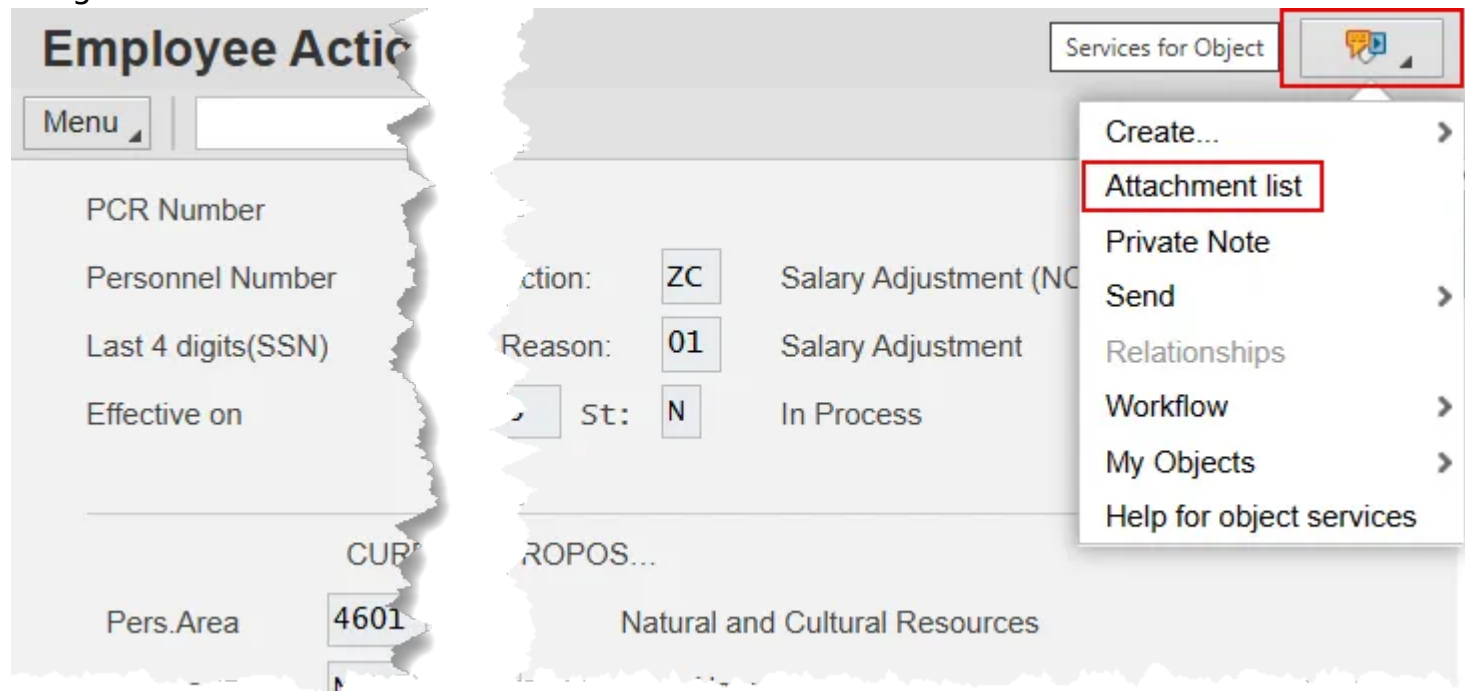
Employee group
A SPA Employees
A SPA Employees

EE subgroup
A1
FT N-FLSAOT Perm
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Step 6. Locate the note provided by the initiator by clicking on the **Services for Object** button and choosing **'Attachment List'** in the resulting dropdown menu. If Attachment List is grayed out, then a note has not been attached. Initiators are required to include, and complete a note template for every action submitted to Workflow. If the note has not been attached, then the PCR should be rejected (barring an exceptional situation).

The **Services for Object** button can be found on the top right of your SAP screen.

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Step 7. Double click the note(s) you wish to read. Ensure that the initiator has used the OSHR designed template and that it is completed. The note may provide information that will help you to determine whether or not the action should be approved or rejected. (The image below is from the training database and only an empty template has been attached.)

Once you have reviewed an individual attachment, close the **Display note** pop-up by clicking on the cancel button (red 'X'). Because you will be rejecting the item, do not close the **Service: Attachment list** pop-up yet.

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Service: Attachment list



AttachmentForDianne Burger06 PCR:1000005711

Icon	Title	Created By	Created On
	Salary Adjustment	INOTPATEL800	04/21/2024



Display note



Salary Adjustment

Salary Adjustment-01
PCR#
Today's Date
Initiator Name/PNR-Completing Action
EE Name/PNR
Action Eff Date
Reason for retro, if applicable
Justification of Salary Adjustment
Salary change (Current Salary + % = New Salary)
Qualifications and salary administration policy used
Address Equity Considerations
Approvals/Delegation – Indicate OSHR Approval if applicable



Cancel (Escape)



Cancel (Escape)

Services for Objects are available on all Personnel Administration actions and allows you to link critical business documents to the PCR or an action. You may add notes, attachments, or hyperlinks on a PCR and/or an action.

- If a note, attachment or URL has been added, the **Attachment list** option will be live (it is grayed out in the list if there are no attachments). Click on **Attachment list** to view one or more items.
- As an approver, you have the option to create a note as well. When you click on the **Services for Object** button, choose the **Create note** option. Provide a title, write your note and then click the green check to save. If you will be rejecting the Work Item, this step will be mandatory and is detailed below.
- A **Private note** will be viewable by you only, using your user ID. It will follow the PCR or action, but no one else will be able to view it.

Step 8. When rejecting a Workflow Item, you are required to write a note explaining why. In the **Service: Attachment list** pop-up, click on the **New** button, and then on **Create note** in the resulting drop-down menu.

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Service: Attachment list

AttachmentForDianne Burger06 PCR:1000005711

New

Create Attachment

Create note

Create external document (URL)

Store business document

Created By	Created On
INOTPATEL800	04/21/2024

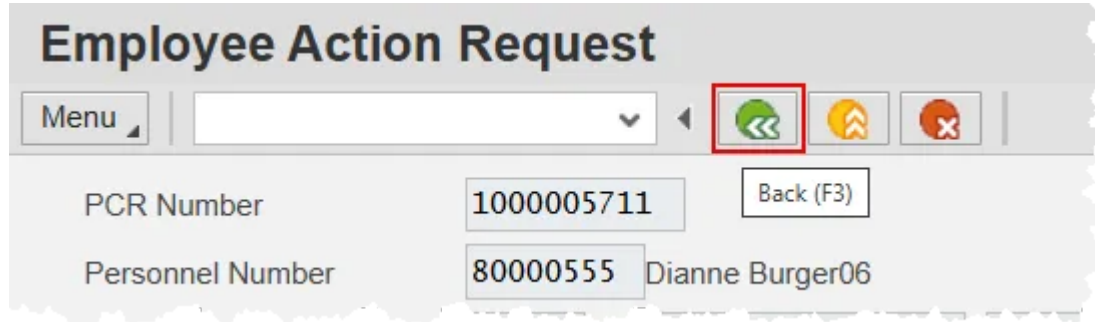
Step 9. Create a rejection note. Add a title in the **Title of note** field and then write a note that describes why the action is being rejected.

Pro tip: After writing your note, but before clicking the green check, copy it into your clipboard. Once it is highlighted, you can '<right-click>-copy' or use the 'ctrl-c' keyboard shortcut. The note will need to be entered and saved again in a future step. Copying it now will alleviate having to type it back out at that time.

Click the **Copy** button (green check) on the bottom of the pop-up to save your note. Then click the **Continue** button (green check) on the bottom of the 'Service: Attachment list' pop-up to close it.

Step 10. When you have completed your review of the Workflow Header and created your rejection note, return to the **Decision Step** screen by clicking the green **Back** button.

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The image shows a screenshot of a web application titled "Employee Action Request". At the top, there is a header bar with a "Menu" button, a search or filter dropdown, and three action buttons: a green double-left arrow (highlighted with a red box), a yellow double-up arrow, and a red circle with an 'X'. Below the header, the form contains two input fields: "PCR Number" with the value "1000005711" and a "Back (F3)" button next to it, and "Personnel Number" with the value "80000555" and the text "Dianne Burger06" to its right.

Step 11. Click the appropriate decision.

If you choose the **Approve change** option, the Work Item will go to the next level of approval or be returned back to the initiator for processing (depending on your specific role and the category of the Work Item). This choice will also complete the process for the chosen work item. Review [WF-09](#) for information on this process.

If you don't wish to approve nor reject the PCR at this time, choose the **Cancel and keep work item in inbox** button. The PCR is not canceled. Instead, it is returned to your inbox in an '**In Process**' status. This status indicates that the PCR will appear only in your inbox. Once you have enough information to either approve or reject the item, you can double click it to be brought back to the Decision Step screen.

Finally, you may choose the **Return to the Initiator** option. This is the choice to make when there is incorrect data in the request or it otherwise needs to be rejected, and there are a couple of extra steps to complete.

IMPORTANT!: The next steps are crucial in completing the rejection of a work item. If they are not completed correctly, the PCR will not be routed back to the initiator's inbox.

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4601 PA Action - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger06 PCR: 1000005711

Choose one of the following alternatives

Approve Change

Return to the Initiator

Cancel and keep work item in inbox

Step 12. For this document, you have chosen the 'Return to the Initiator' option. On the next screen, paste your note into the 'Comments' area, and then click the **Save** button.

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Approver Comments

Menu ▾

Save (Ctrl+S)

Comments

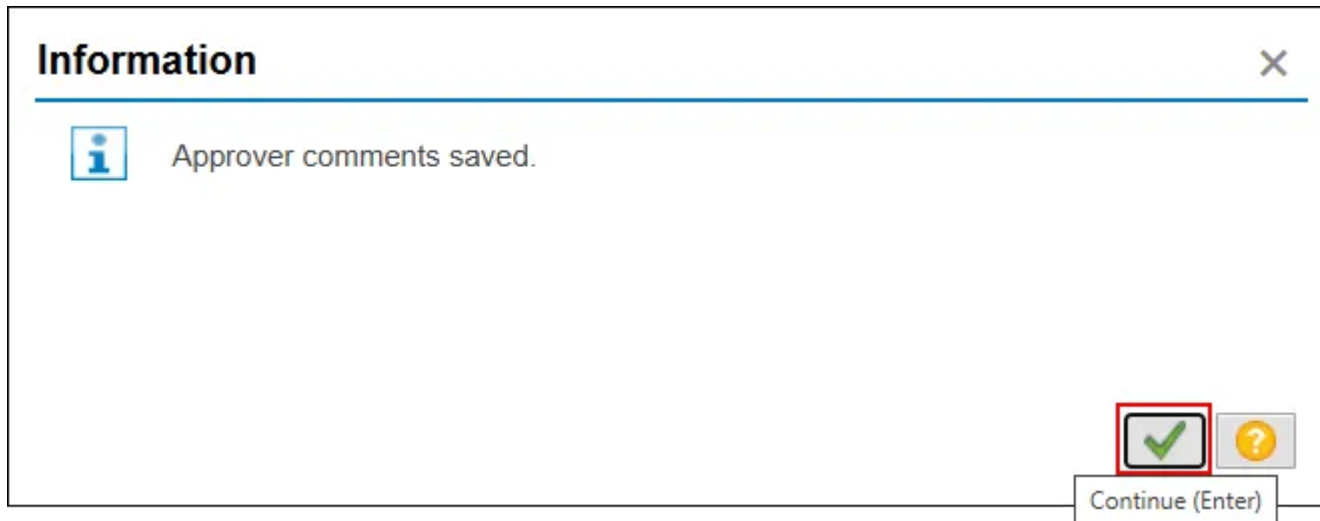
      

<date>
<name/initials>
Body of note explaining why the work item is being rejected.

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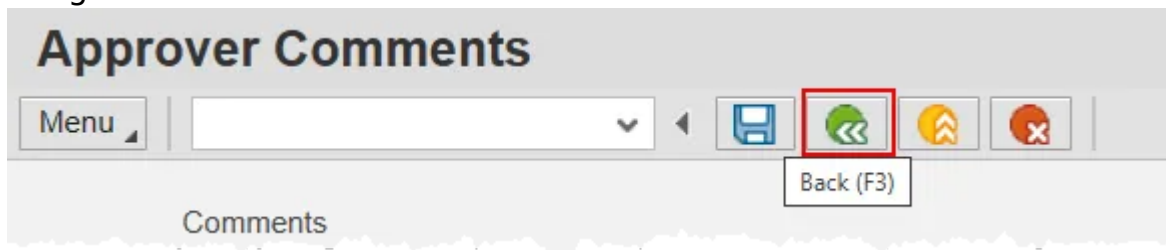
Step 13. Close the **Information** pop-up by clicking the **Continue** button (green check) at the bottom.

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Step 14. The pop-up will close and you will remain on the **Approver Comments** screen. However, your note will be gone! This is expected behavior and you **do not** need to retype the note. Instead, click the green **Back** button.

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Step 15. You are returned to your SAP Business Workplace and the PCR can now be found in your 'Outbox → Work items executed by me' folder. When the item has been successfully rejected, you will find two entries for it in that folder.

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Business Workplace of AACAROLYNB15

Menu New message Find folder Find document Appointment calendar Distribution list

Workplace: AACAROLYNB15

- Inbox
- Outbox
 - Documents
 - Started workflows
 - Work items executed by me**
 - Forwarded work items

Work items executed by me (Since 09/02/2025)

Wor...	Title	Status
	4601 PA Action COMMENTS - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger06 - PCR: 1000005711	
	4601 PA Action - Salary Adjustment (NC) for Dianne Burger06 PCR: 1000005711	

Step 16. The process is complete.

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