



Circular Letter Pen 12/04

## To: The Chief Executive Officer of each Vocational Education Committee

### Public Sector Transfer Network Operative Date in the case of Vocational Teachers

#### 1. Introduction.

The application of the Public Sector Transfer Network to VEC staff is set out in [Circular PEN 11/04](#). The operative date cited in the Circular was 30 January 2001. This operative date arose from a Transfer Of Functions Order which was signed by Government on that date. The transfer of functions in question related to non-teaching staff only. The superannuation functions in regard to vocational teachers had already been transferred to this Department under a Transfer of Functions Order made by Government on 29 September 1998.

The operative date of the Public Sector Transfer Network in the case of vocational teachers (both serving and retired) is, therefore, 29 September 1998.

#### 2. Application to retired teachers.

Where, in the case of a **retired teacher**, service which was not previously transferable has become transferable in accordance with the terms of [Circular PEN 11/04](#), the service in question will be reckonable as follows:-

Retirement since 29 September 1998:      The service will reckon for pension and lump sum purposes. Arrears of pension will be due with effect from date of retirement.

Retirement prior to 29 September 1998:      The service will be reckonable for pension purposes only. Arrears of pension will be due with effect from 29 September 1998.

#### 3. Circulation.

This Circular should be brought to the attention of all teachers who are currently in service with the VEC, or who have retired from service with the VEC, and who have served in any of the organisations listed in [Appendix 1 of Circular PEN 11/04](#).

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