



Circular 0076/2007

**TO: BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT, PRINCIPAL TEACHERS
AND ALL TEACHING STAFF IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**Post Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching from Hibernia
College**

1. The Minister for Education and Science wishes to inform school management authorities, principal teachers and all teaching staff in primary schools that, following agreement reached at the Conciliation Council for Teachers (Agreed Report 3-2007refers), teachers with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching from Hibernia College will be awarded one years' incremental credit in respect of the period of the course. Such teachers will start on the same point of the common basic scale (Point 3) as teachers with Post Graduate diplomas in primary teaching from the recognised Colleges of Education, subject to the condition that incremental credit cannot be claimed or awarded for periods of substitute or temporary/fixed term teaching undertaken during the duration of the course.
2. Accordingly, teachers with a Post Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching from Hibernia who commenced on the 2nd Point of the common basic scale and did not undertake substitute or temporary/fixed term teaching throughout the duration of the course, are now entitled to claim one years' incremental credit in respect of the period of the course.
3. Teachers who consider that they qualify for one year's incremental under the terms of this circular should apply in writing to Primary Payments Section, Department of Education & Science, Cornamaddy, Athlone.
4. Management authorities are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of the teaching staff.
5. Please note that queries regarding this Circular may be E-Mailed to [primary_payments @education.gov.ie](mailto:primary_payments@education.gov.ie)
6. This Circular may also be accessed on the Department of Education & Science website at www.education.ie under Education Personnel/ Primary/ Circulars and Information Booklets.

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