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**Circular Letter No 0074/2014**

**To the Chief Executive  
of each Educational Training Board**

**Payment of Tool Allowance to Craft Workers under the Parallel Benchmarking Agreement for State Industrial Craft Workers**

Dear Chief Executive,

I am directed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to refer to the terms of the Parallel Benchmarking Agreement for State Industrial Craft Workers. In this context, I am to convey sanction for the payment of €675.00 in respect of a tool allowance for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014. The annual value of the Tool Allowance has been reduced by 20% in accordance with the Haddington Road Agreement.

Where pro-rata payments apply, these should be linked to annual service calculated on a monthly basis.

Superannuation

The above Tool Allowance is non-pensionable.

Sick Leave

The above allowance is not payable in respect of long term sick leave.

Payment to New Beneficiaries

The Tool Allowance was reviewed as part of the recent allowance review and it was decided that the allowance will not be payable to new entrants or new beneficiaries with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012.

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