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Circular 22/96 : Motor Mileage Allowances

A Dhuine Uasail

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that the standard rates of motor mileage allowance in Ireland have been reviewed in accordance with an agreed recommendation made by the General Council under the scheme of conciliation and arbitration for the civil service (General Council Report 1307 refers). As a result, the Minister has agreed that the rates should be increased, with effect from 1 January 1996, to the amounts shown in the schedule overleaf. Reduced mileage rates which apply to travel in certain special circumstances are also shown overleaf.

2. Payment of the rates authorised in this circular will be subject to the regulations issued with Circular 11/82 and any other instructions in force from time to time.

3. The introduction of revised rates does not affect the mileage year of individual officers. Accordingly, in determining which of the rates shown in the schedule should be applied to a particular officer with effect from 1 January 1996, all mileage travelled by that officer from the beginning of his/her mileage year, up to and including 31 December 1995 should be taken into account in the normal way. Where the application of the revised rates results in a retrospective reduction in the mileage payments of a travelling officer (for example, where an officer retires or is assigned to a new post after 1 January 1996), the amount involved should not be 'clawed back' from the officer concerned.

4. In the light of present financial constraints, Heads of Departments should continue to ensure that only essential travel is undertaken and that the number of officers on any official journey is kept to the absolute minimum.

5. Any telephone enquiries about this circular from Departments should be made to 6767571, Extension 5426, GTN 7109-5426. Personal enquiries from individual officers should be addressed to the Personnel Unit of the employing Department/Office.

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To/All Departments etc.

Schedule**Motor Mileage Rates Effective From 1 January 1996**

	Official mileage in a mileage year	Engine capacity under 1138cc	Engine capacity 1138cc to 1387cc	Engine capacity 1388cc and over
		pence	pence	pence
1	Up to 2,000	49.87	57.7	68.20*
2	2,001 to 4,000	54.98	62.98	75.79*
3	4,001 to 6,000	29.44	33.38	37.84*
4	6,001 to 8,000	27.74	31.35	35.31*
5	8,001 to 12,000	24.33	27.3	30.26*
6	12,001 and over	20.92	23.25	26.27

* Revised rates

Reduced Mileage Rates

The reduced mileage rates which apply to travel in certain special circumstances are set out below. These rates have not changed.

Engine capacity under 1138cc	Engine capacity 1138cc to 1387cc	Engine capacity 1388cc and over
pence	pence	pence
19.87	22.09	24.96