

**Reference No:** E109/124/81;      **Date:** 03/06/99

**Circular 15/1999:- Retention of civil servants beyond the normal retiring age**

A Dhuine Uasail,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to paragraph 1 of Confidential Circular 9/97 regarding the maximum income limits allowable where the retention of a civil servant beyond the normal retiring age on grounds of hardship is sought.

The maximum income limits allowable have been reviewed and the following rates are applicable with effect from 4 June 1999:

£78.50 per week (£4,096 per year) for an officer

£44.20 per week (£2,306 per year) for a spouse

£13.50 per week (£705 per year) for each dependent (i.e. a person resident with and wholly dependent on the officer).

The maximum income limits specified at paragraph 1 of Confidential Circular 9/97 are superseded accordingly.

2. The provisions of paragraph 2 and 3 of Confidential Circular 25/91 still apply.

3. A return should be furnished, no later than one week after the end of each quarter, giving the name, grade, date of birth and date of appointment to the Civil Service of each person retained on grounds of hardship under delegated sanction.

Mise le meas,

J McGovern  
Assistant Secretary

To all Personnel Officers