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Circular 17/00: Transfer of Head Office of the Legal Aid Board to Cahirciveen, County Kerry.

A Dhuine Uasail,

1. In accordance with the Government's decentralisation programme approximately 39 Head Office staff of the Legal Aid Board will transfer to new offices in Cahirciveen, County Kerry.

Grades required

2. Some officers in the Legal Aid Board have already indicated an interest in transferring permanently to the new location. The purpose of this Circular is to canvass staff in other Departments who also would be willing to transfer to the Legal Aid Board for permanent transfer to Cahirciveen. It is expected that staff will be required in the following Grades:

Principal Officer
Assistant Principal Officer
Higher Executive Officer
Executive Officer
Executive Officer (Junior Systems Analyst)
Clerical Officer

Vacancies in the Clerical Officer grade will be filled from the central transfer lists, but Officers interested should make formal application to the Legal Aid Board stating the Department or Office on whose transfer lists they feature. Applications received under this Circular from Officers in that grade who are not already on the central transfer lists will be placed on the appropriate list in the Legal Aid Board.

Applicants, except those on the central transfer lists, will be selected by the Legal Aid Board having regard to seniority and suitability and those selected will be transferred definitively to that Office.

Seniority

3. All officers, with the exception of those in grades represented by the CPSU, transferring into and out of the Legal Aid Board will retain their service-based seniority. In the case of

grades represented by the CPSU, officers transferring into the Legal Aid Board will not retain their seniority (paragraph 11 of the Appendix A, Agreed Report 782). All Officers transferring out of the Legal Aid Board will carry their service for seniority purposes.

4. Officers transferred to the Legal Aid Board will be eligible to be considered for promotion within the Legal Aid Board. They will continue to have the same rights as they now have to compete in interdepartmental competitions.

Transferring

5. Removal expenses will not be payable. It is expected that the transfer to Cahirciveen will commence around the end of 2001 with a view to completing the move early in 2002, but staffing arrangements must be finalised as soon as possible so that the transferees will be familiar with the work before the transfer takes place. In general, officers will therefore be transferred to the Head Office of the Legal Aid Board in Dublin in the first instance. Information about amenities in Cahirciveen is appended.

How to Apply

6. Any Officer who wishes to transfer to Cahirciveen, including those already on the central transfer lists, or, who has already applied directly to the Legal Aid Board, must make a formal application now in accordance with this Circular. The Board may decide to shortlist candidates. Transfer applications should be sent by the applicant's own Personnel Section to the Personnel Officer, Legal Aid Board. The application, accompanied by a duly completed T Gen 20 Form, and part 2 of Increment Form T Gen 3 must reach the Personnel Officer, Legal Aid Board, St Stephen's Green House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, by 28 June, 2000 at the latest. If there are no applications from your Department a "Nil" return should be forwarded.

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Colm Gallagher
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To / All Departments.

INFORMATION ABOUT CAHIRCIVEEN

The capital of the Iveragh Peninsula, Cahirciveen lies at the foot of the Beentee mountain, on the River Fertha overlooking Valentia harbour. Cahirciveen has a population in the region of 1,500. The Office of Public Works are currently in the process of acquiring a suitable site for the building of the new offices for the Board. Cahirciveen is 40 miles from Killarney and 42 miles from Tralee.

Accommodation

There is a limited supply of new and second-hand houses available in the town and its environs. Private sites are available for those who may wish to build their own houses. Houses and sites are also available in Waterville, Ballinskelligs and on Valentia island which are all within 10-15 miles of the town.

Detached 3 Bedroomed House - £80,000 - £100,000

Detached 4 Bedroomed House - £90,000 - £175,000

Sites cost between £15,000 and £30,000.

Education

Cahirciveen has two primary schools. A new Community school with excellent modern facilities opened in September, 1999 to cater for upwards of 700 pupils. Tralee RTC (42 miles) and the University of Limerick (98 miles) offer third level courses to degree level.

Medical

Tralee Regional Hospital is one of the most modern General Hospitals in Ireland. There are a number of General Medical Practitioners etc in the area.

Recreation and Entertainment

A good range of facilities exists for most types of sport. Cahirciveen is close to excellent golf courses in Waterville (10 miles), Dooks (17 miles), Kilorglin (26 miles). A marina for 80 boats is currently under construction. There are several water sports centres in the area incorporating water skiing, sailing, canoeing and wind surfing. Cahirciveen is also one of the best areas for deep sea angling in Europe. There are many safe beaches close by including White Strand, Cuascrom and Waterville. There is a good selection of restaurants and pubs. The nearest cinema is the the threeplex cinema in Killarney.

Transport

Bus services are available to Killarney and to the smaller towns in the area. The nearest train station is in Killarney. Cahirciveen is 38 miles from Kerry Airport which has scheduled services to Dublin (222 miles).

Town Renewal Scheme

Cahirciveen is among the four towns for which a town renewal plan has been submitted to the Department of the Environment. In this regard, a decision on those towns selected by that Department to which the Town Renewal Scheme will apply is expected before the summer. Areas of those towns selected will benefit from various forms of residential/investment tax-designation status.