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

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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