



To the Chief Executive Officer of each Vocational Education Committee

CIRCULAR LETTER 0114/2008

REVISION OF TEACHERS' PENSIONS

1. I am directed by the Minister for Education and Science to issue the attached Schedules, which outline the revised Common Basic Scale and Allowances for pensioners.
2. [Schedule A](#) will apply to:
 - All teachers who have retired since 1/7/1994.
 - Teachers who retired prior to 1/7/94 and whose total pension increases under the PCW Restructuring Pay Deals came to more than 2% in pension (see C/L 65/98)

Schedule A includes Post of Responsibility Allowances which apply to:

 - Teachers who have retired on or after 1/9/98 with entitlement to Post of Responsibility Allowances rather than In-School Management Allowances (because they declined to undertake the In-School Management duties).
3. [Schedule B](#) will apply to:
 - Teachers who retired **prior to 1/7/94** and who remain entitled to the Special Increase of 2% in pension (because their total increases under the PCW Restructuring Pay Deals would not have exceeded 2% in pension).

➤ Note that the **only** pensioners to whom Schedule B applies are those who retired prior to 1/7/94 and who retired in some or all of the circumstances indicated below:

 - (i) with no post of responsibility
 - (ii) with a B post of responsibility only
 - (iii) with a low average of days on a post of responsibility (other than a B post)
 - (iv) without benefiting from the restructuring of the Common Basic Scale
4. I am to convey approval for the application of the revised rates of pay and allowances for pension purposes with effect from 1st September 2008.

The adoption of the Vocational Education Committee of the terms of this Circular Letter should be formally recorded.

5. The current hourly rate payable to teachers in respect of supervision/substitution is €50.32 with effect from 1st Sept 2008. The pensions of teachers, whose retiring pensionable pay included an element in respect of payment received for supervision/substitution should be adjusted to reflect this increase.
6. Circular Letter 0106/2008 has issued to VECs regarding the revised rates of pay applicable to serving teachers.
7. Enquiries concerning this Circular Letter should be made to the Vocational Teachers' Superannuation Section at 090 64 83657 or 090 64 83658 or 090 64 84004.

This circular is also available on the Department's website, www.education.ie under Education Personnel/Pensions/Education Sector.

In future we will not be issuing hard copies of circulars and schedules, we will be posting the information on our website and emailing VECs to tell them that a new circular has been added to the site. To facilitate this system we are compiling an email contacts list for all VECs, please forward 2 email addresses to Alma_doyle@education.gov.ie by 31st January 2009, one of the addresses should be for the CEO and the other for the pensions section. When supplying an email address for the pensions section one with open access would be more beneficial than a name specific one. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Daryl Heavey
Higher Executive Officer
Pensions Unit

11 September 2008