Circular 0058/2008

To the Chief Executive Officer of each Vocational Education Committee

General operatives and craftwork duties employed in the VEC

Dear CEO,

I refer to the General Operatives and Related Grades Composite Agreement (2004), in which it is stipulated that a key responsibility of general operative grades in the VECs is to cooperate with the continued devolution of non-core craftwork from craftworkers to general operatives under the terms of the Main Trade Makes Good Agreement (MTMG) (1997). In that regard you are asked to ensure that general operatives who are employed by your VEC are not requested to carry out, and do not undertake, core craftwork duties.

Copies of the General Operatives and Related Grades Composite Agreement and the MTMG Agreement are available on request from External Staff Relations Section, Marlborough St., Dublin 1 (Tel: 01 8892409).

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