



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

To: The Managerial Authorities of Primary, Secondary, Community and Comprehensive Schools and to the Vocational Education Committees

Implementation of Moratorium on Promotions in the Public Service

The Government has decided to implement a recruitment and promotion moratorium across the civil and public sector including the civil service, local authorities, non-commercial state bodies, the Garda Síochána and the Permanent Defence Forces with effect from 27th March, 2009.

The measures have an immediate impact for schools in relation to the filling of promotion posts other than those of Principal and Deputy Principal.

With effect from 27 March 2009 schools may no longer make any appointment to a post of responsibility including those that may have fallen vacant on or before 27 March 2009. Accordingly schools must immediately cease any arrangements to fill such posts. The replacement of holders of posts of responsibility who are on leave of absence and whose posts of responsibility would normally have been replaced in an acting capacity must not be filled as they are comprehended by this moratorium.

It is a matter for the school authority to re-organise and prioritise the appropriate duties for post of responsibility holders in the context of implementing this moratorium.

The Government decision provides for an exception to the above rule in respect of the filling of the first allocation of posts of responsibility in new schools. The Department will be in direct communication with new schools in relation to their entitlement to fill their first allocation of posts of responsibility.

This circular supersedes all previous circulars and notifications in relation to the filling of posts of responsibility.

Queries

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