



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Circular 23/2009

To: The Managerial Authorities of Community and Comprehensive Schools and to the Chief Executive Officers of Vocational Education Committees

Implementation of Moratorium on Recruitment and 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 27 March, 2009.

This Circular outlines the impact on Community & Comprehensive Schools and Vocational Education Committees in relation to the filling of positions other than Teachers and SNAs. A separate Circular will issue from the Department in respect of Teacher and SNA posts.

Staffing positions other than Teacher and SNA posts

Positions other than Teacher and SNA posts in schools and VECs, including temporary appointments on a fixed-term basis, are comprehended by the Government decision. Accordingly, all such posts, however arising, may not be filled by recruitment, promotion or payment of an allowance for the performance of duties at a higher grade. Community & Comprehensive Schools and VECs are therefore requested to immediately cease any arrangements to fill such posts. This also means

that no appointments, whether permanent, temporary or by way of acting appointment may be made.

In exceptional circumstances the necessity for such posts may arise and will require the prior sanction of the Minister for Finance.

Additional Information on Department of Finance website

There is further information in relation to this Government decision on the Department of Finance website at www.finance.gov.ie some of which is in question and answer format.

Queries

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