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Circular 4/1963 Conf.- Staff recruited otherwise than through the Civil Service Commissioners

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say he has had under review the age limit normally applied in respect of recruitment to certain subordinate employment in Government Departments or Offices. Following consideration of the position the Minister has decided to allow applicants for posts, recruitment to which is not effected by the Civil Service Commissioners, to be appointed, if selected, at any age up to the normal retiring age of 65.

2. This Department's previous instructions in the matter should be regarded as modified accordingly but they will continue to apply in all other respects.

3. The revised age limit is being adopted for an experimental period of two years in the first instance, at the end of which it will be reviewed in order to determine whether any modification is warranted in the light of experience of its operation. To enable an assessment to be made of the effects of the revised age limit you should furnish to this Department, not later than 31st March, 1965, a report indicating the effect of the extension of the age limit so far as your Department or Office is concerned. Particular attention should be given in the report to the health and efficiency records of those recruited as a result of the extension of the age limit.

Mise, le meas,

L. Fitzgerald

Note: See Confidential Circular 17/65