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Circular 22/1974:- Civil Servants as Candidates for Local Authority Elections

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1. I am directed by the Minister for the Public Service to refer to the announcement on 6 March 1974 of decisions taken by the Government on the future position of State employees and politics and to inform you that, in accordance with these decisions, the position as regards the candidature of State employees for election to local authorities is as follows:-

- (i) State industrial employees and civil servants in manipulative, sub-clerical and manual grades may stand for election to local authorities;
- (ii) civil servants of the clerical classes and of non-manipulative and sub-professional classes in similar salary ranges may stand as candidates at local elections subject to the condition that the Minister for Public Service may, on the recommendation of the Minister in charge of a particular Department, declare that officers engaged in a particular category of work may not so stand;
- (iii) the position of clerical officers in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs who do not come within the groups referred to at (i) and (ii) above but who at present are permitted to be candidates for election to some local authorities subject to certain conditions remains unchanged;
- (iv) all other civil servants remain completely barred from standing for election.

2. Pending the issue of comprehensive instructions regarding the general position of civil servants and politics any officer wishing to be a candidate at the forthcoming local authority elections must notify the Head of his Department. Any doubt as to whether the officer concerned may be allowed to stand for election should be referred to this Department (Personnel Division: Extn 289).

3. Please bring this Circular to the notice of all officers serving in your Department, including sub-Departments.

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