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Circular 7/1982:- Special leave with pay on marriage

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I am directed by the Minister for the Public Service to state that agreement has been reached at the General Council on an amendment to the regulations governing the grant of special leave with pay on marriage, arising from the increases in annual leave negotiated under the 1980 Agreement on Pay Policy.

2. Accordingly, with effect from the 1981/82 leave year, an officer may be allowed up to 5 days special leave with pay on the occasion of his/her marriage, provided the amount of such leave together with the officer's annual leave allowance (excluding carry-forward leave) in the leave year in which the marriage takes place does not exceed a total of 24 days (rather than 23 days as heretofore).

3. This special leave should be allowed only where the Head of the Department is satisfied that the officer intends to return to duty after marriage. If an officer who has been granted special leave fails to return to duty after marriage, steps should be taken to recover the amount paid in respect of such leave, as in the case of overtaken annual leave (paragraph 15(b) of Circular 21/76 refers).

4. Circular 44/74 is accordingly superseded.

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