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Circular 7/1999:- Civil Servants as Candidates for Local Authority Elections

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1. I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to a recent Government decision to amend the rules governing civil servants as candidates at local elections. This Circular sets out the revised rules governing civil servants as candidates at local elections. This Circular amends and supersedes Circular 22/74. The position as regards the candidature of civil servants 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 Finance 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) all other civil servants remain completely barred from standing for election. However, this rule shall not apply to a civil servant who holds a position which after 17 May 1974 has been upgraded through the general restructuring of his or her grade and as a result of which such upgraded position carries a salary maximum above that of clerical officer.

2. The above rules do not apply to personal assistants and special advisers in Minister's offices.

3. Please bring this Circular to the attention of all officers serving in your Department/Office.

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