Circular 17/2015

11th December 2015

Ms Rosarii Mannion
National Director of Human Resources
Health Service Executive
Dr Steevens' Hospital
Dublin 8

Extension of Grace Period to 1st April 2019 – Public Service Pension Rights Order (No2) 2015

Dear Ms Mannion

I attach for your information a copy of a letter received from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the extension of the current grace period. Consequently an officer who retires on or before 1st April 2019 will have his or her superannuation benefits calculated by reference to the scales applying on 30th June 2013.

Please see the attached letter, and Statutory Instrument No 547/2015 - Public Service Pension Rights Order (No2) 2015 - for full details.

The contents of this circular should be brought to the attention of HSE employees and all relevant employees in organisations funded under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
Lara Hynes
National HR Unit

Encl
Personnel Officers

FOR INFORMATION

Re: Statutory Instrument no 547/2015 – Public Service Pension Rights (No 2) Order 2015

I am directed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to convey the following information to Departments in relation to the application of the extension of the pension 'grace period' as provided for under Section 9 of the Financial Emergency Measures in Public Interest Act 2013 (No 18 of 2013).

An order (S.I. 547/2015) has been made under the terms of the 2013 Act extending, up to 1 April 2019, the 'grace period' for calculation of pension benefits awarded to retiring public servants. Consequently an officer who retires on or before 1 April 2019 will have his or her superannuation benefits calculated by reference to the scales applying on 30 June 2013.

A copy of S.I. 547/2015 is available on the website of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform at is http://www.per.gov.ie/extension-of-retirement-grace-period-for-pensions-3/.

Please bring this notice to the attention of all staff of your Department and the staff of any Agencies and Bodies under the aegis of your Department.

Oonagh Buckley
Assistant Secretary
Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
8 December 2015
S.I. No. 547 of 2015

PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION RIGHTS (NO.2) ORDER 2015
S.I. No. 547 of 2015

PUBLIC SERVICE PENSION RIGHTS (NO.2) ORDER 2015

I, BRENDAN HOWLIN, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 9(1)(b)(ii) of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2013 (No. 18 of 2013) and having taken into account such legal, superannuation and personnel management issues affecting public service bodies as I consider appropriate and having consulted the bodies or other persons that I consider appropriate, hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Service Pension Rights (No.2) Order 2015.

2. The later date specified for the purposes of section 9(1)(b)(ii) of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2013 (No 18 of 2013) is 1 April 2019.


GIVEN under my Official Seal,
1 December 2015.

BRENDAN HOWLIN,
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 8th December, 2015.