Circular 0005/2010

To the Management Authorities of Primary, Secondary, Community and Comprehensive Schools and the Chief Executive Officer of each Vocational Education Committee

Revision of Salaries for Special Needs Assistants with effect from 1 January 2010

1. The Minister for Education and Science wishes to inform Vocational Education Committees, Management Authorities and Special Needs Assistants of the application of revised rates of salary with effect from 1 January 2010.

2. The new rates of salary and allowances have been introduced as a result of the application in the education sector of pay reductions with effect from 1st January 2010 in accordance with the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (No. 2) Act 2009 (No. 41 of 2009) (The “Act”).

3. In accordance with the Act, reductions in basic salary have been applied with effect from 1st January 2010 as follows:
   a. 5% on the first €30,000 of salary;
   b. 7.5% on the next €40,000 of salary
   c. 10% on the next €55,000 of salary.
   d. This formula produces overall reductions in salaries ranging from 5% to 8% in the case of salaries up to €125,000.

4. The revised salary scales are set out in a schedule to this circular on this Department’s website at www.education.ie under Education Personnel/Payroll.

5. Vocational Education Committees and management authorities are requested to bring the contents of this Circular to the attention of all Special Needs Assistants in their school and also to the members of the Board of Management.

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Principal Officer.
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Rates applicable to personnel appointed prior to 1 January 2011
Rates applicable to personnel appointed on or after 1 January 2011