



**Circular Letter 85/2018**

**To the Chief Executive of each Education and Training Board**

**Payment of Tool Allowance to Craft Workers**

Dear Chief Executive,

I am directed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to convey sanction for the payment of €675.00 in respect of a tool allowance for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018. This sanction applies to State Industrial Craft Workers, Craft Chargehands and Craft Foreman recruited on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012.

It should be noted that the Tool Allowance is not payable to new beneficiaries with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2012

Pro-Rata Payments

Where pro-rata payments apply, these should be linked to annual service calculated on a monthly basis.

Superannuation

The above Tool Allowance is non-pensionable.

Sick Leave

The above allowance is not payable in respect of long term sick leave.

Payment to New Beneficiaries

For those appointed after 31 January 2012 the Tool Allowance is payable from 1 January 2018.

General

Any queries regarding this sanction should be addressed to Niall Quinn at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform by email at [niall.quinn@per.gov.ie](mailto:niall.quinn@per.gov.ie).

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ETB Financial and Administrative Personnel  
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