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To the Managerial Authorities  
of Post-primary Schools.

**Circular Letter No. 86/78**

**Qualification Allowances for Post-primary Metalwork  
Teachers, Educational Woodwork Teachers and non-graduate  
Teachers of General and Rural Science.**

I am directed by the Minister for Education to refer to the Department's circular Letter No. 51/74, and to indicate the conditions under which allowances at the rates payable for a primary degree (pass) and a primary degree (honours) may be paid until further notice in respect of the qualifications to which this Circular Letter refers to

- a) Wholetime Class III teachers (permanent and temporary) employed under Schemes of Vocational Education;
- b) Wholetime teachers in Comprehensive and Community schools;
- c) Secondary teachers in receipt of incremental salary, the necessary qualifications for whose posts do not include a university degree.

In the interests of brevity the allowances in question are referred to in this Circular Letter as "pass" and "honours", and are payable to the categories of teachers above on the conditions hereunder set out and at the appropriate rates applicable from time to time.

**Post-primary Metalwork Teachers.**

- 2.1. The "pass" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who
  - (a) Hold the Post-Primary Metalwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department  
and
  - (b) Have attained not less than the following percentage marks in the final training course examinations indicated:  
Engineering Workshop Practice 65%

|   |     |                             |
|---|-----|-----------------------------|
| Engineering Workshop Theory             | 60% |                             |
| Technical Drawing (Geometry)            |     | } Average 60% with not less |
| Technical Drawing (Engineering)         |     | } Than 50% in each subject. |
| Engineering Science (Applied Heat)      | 60% | } In one subject and        |
| Engineering Science (Applied Mechanics) |     | } not less than 50% in      |
| Mathematics                             |     | } each of the other two.    |

- 2.2 Alternatively, the "pass" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who
- a) Hold the Post-primary Metalwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department  
and
  - b) Have qualified in the Department's Advanced Stage Examinations in one of the following groups:
    - Group (i) Passes in the following subjects:  
Heat Engines  
Applied Mechanics  
Machine Construction and Design.
    - Group (ii) Passes in the following subjects:  
Motor Car Engineering  
Automobile Electricity  
and  
A pass in one of the following subjects:  
Heat Engines  
Applied Mechanics  
Machine Construction and Design  
Heat Engines and Applied Mechanics  
(Motor Car Engineering Technological Examination.)
- 2.3 The "honours" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who hold the Post-primary Metalwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department with honours.
- 2.4 Alternatively, the "honours" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who
- a) hold the Post-primary Metalwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department,
  - b) have obtained a first class pass in the Department's Intermediate Stage Examination in Mathematics;  
and
  - c) have qualified in the Department's Advanced stage Examinations in one of the following groups:
    - Group (i) Passes in the following subjects with a first class pass in at least one:  
Heat Engines  
Applied Mechanics
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- Machine Construction and Design
- Group (ii) First class passes in the following subjects:
- Motor Car Engineering  
Automobile Electricity  
and  
A pass in one of the following subjects:  
Heat Engines  
Applied Mechanics  
Machine Construction and Design  
Heat Engines and Applied Mechanics  
(Motor Car Engineering Technological Examination)

**Educational Woodwork Teachers.**

3.1 The conditions outlined in Circular Letter No. 51/74 related to the payment of qualification allowances to Educational Woodwork Teachers who had been trained on the Department's courses up to and including the course which ended in 1974. The conditions under which payment of such allowances may be made to Educational Woodwork Teachers trained on the Department's courses ended in 1975 and subsequent years are set out in the following paragraphs.

3.2 The "pass" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who:

- a) Hold the Educational Woodwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department.

And

- b) Have obtained not less than the following percentage marks in the final training course examinations indicated:

|   |     |
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| Educational Woodwork (Practical)              | 65% |
| Educational Woodwork (Theory)                 | 60% |
| Plane and Solid Geometry                      | 60% |
| Irish <u>or</u> English <u>or</u> Mathematics | 60% |

3.3 Alternatively, the "pass" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who

- a) hold the Educational Woodwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department

and

- b) have obtained the Advanced Stage Certificate of the Department's Examinations in Building (Technological Certificate Course) with

- (i) passes in the Advanced Stage Examinations in Building Construction, Parts I and II;

and

- (ii) a pass in the Advanced stage Examinations in one of the following subjects:

Plane and Solid Geometry  
Structural Engineering  
Builder's Quantities.

- 3.4 The "honours" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who hold the Educational Woodwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department with honours.
- 3.5 Alternatively, the "honours" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who
- a) Hold the Educational Woodwork Teacher's Certificate of the Department.  
and
  - b) have obtained the Advanced stage Certificate of the Department's Examinations in Building (Technological Certificate Course) with
    - (i) First class passes in the Advanced Stage Examinations in Building Construction, Parts I and II.  
and
    - (ii) A first class pass in the Advanced stage Examinations in one of the following subjects:  
Plane and Solid Geometry  
Structural Engineering  
Builders' Quantities.

**Non-graduate Teachers of General and Rural Science**

4.1 The conditions outlined in Circular Letter No. 51/74 related to payment of qualification allowances to such teachers who had been trained on the Department's courses up to and including the course which ended in 1977. The conditions under which payment of qualification allowances may be made to teachers of General and Rural Science completing the Department's course in 1978 and subsequent years are set out in the following paragraphs.

- 4.2 The "pass" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who
- a) Hold the General and Rural Science Teacher's Certificate of the Department,  
and
  - b) Have attained not less than the following standards in the final training course examinations:

| Teaching Practice   | Grade B                    |
|---|----------------------------|
| a) Biology, General   | }                          |
| b) Biology, Applied   | } 60% in each of any three |
| c) Chemistry  | } of (a), (b), (c) and (d) |
| d) The average of Physics and Mathematics<br>(taken as 2 <sup>nd</sup> year examinations) | }                          |

4.3 The "honours" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who hold the General and Rural Science Teacher's Certificate of the department with honours.

4.4 Alternatively, the "honours" allowance is payable to eligible teachers who:

a) Hold the General and Rural Science Teacher's Certificate of the Department

And

b) Have attained not less than the following standards in the final training course examinations:

| Teaching Practice                            | Grade B                     |
|--|-----------------------------|
| a) Biology, General                          | }                           |
| b) Biology, Applied                          | } 70% in each of any three  |
| c) Chemistry                                 | } of (a), (b), (c) and (d). |
| d) The average of Physics and Mathematics    | }                           |
| (taken as 2 <sup>nd</sup> year examinations) |                             |

5. payment may not be made concurrently to a teacher of

a) "pass" and "honours" allowances,

or

b) Allowances under this Circular Letter and allowances in respect of other qualifications for which the rates applicable to primary degrees, pass or honours, are payable.

6.1 Sanction is hereby conveyed to each Vocational Education Committee for payments of the allowances to eligible wholetime teachers in their employment in accordance with the terms of this Circular Letter.

6.2 Necessary deductions should be made from arrears payable to those who are liable for the payment of contributions under the Local Government (Superannuation) Acts, 1948 and 1956. Consequential changes in lump sums, superannuation allowances and gratuities should be notified to the Local Rating Authority and the Department.

6.3 Committees wishing to apply the provisions of this Circular Letter should formally adopt its terms, and a list of the teachers to whom it is proposed to grant allowances accordingly should be forwarded to the Department as soon as possible.

#### **Applications**

7.1. Vocational Teachers claiming allowances should submit applications, with appropriate supporting documentation, to their Committees.

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- 7.2. Teachers in Secondary, Comprehensive and Community schools claiming allowances should submit application, with the appropriate supporting documentation, to the appropriate section of the Department.
- 7.3. Post-primary school authorities are requested to bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of teachers.

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8 Nollaig, 1978.

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