



Information Note TTC 007/2020

**To: The Managerial Authorities of Recognised Primary, Secondary, Community  
and Comprehensive Schools  
and  
The Chief Executives of Education and Training Boards**

**Changes to the Career Break Scheme for Registered Teachers employed in Recognised  
Primary and Post Primary Schools - 2020/21 School Year**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 In response to issues raised in relation to teacher supply, certain restrictions imposed in the Career Break Scheme have been suspended for the past number of school years. You are advised that these restrictions are also suspended for the 2020/21 school year.
- 1.2 A teacher who is on a Career Break may now be employed, in a substitute capacity only, without the restrictions imposed in the [Career Break Scheme](#) as contained in Chapter 7 (Paragraph 8.1) of Circular 54/2019.

**2. Pay Arrangements**

- 2.1 A teacher who is on career break and is employed in a substitute capacity will be paid at the same rate as a regular substitute.

**3. Circulation of Information Note**

- 3.1 Please ensure that copies of this Information Note are provided to all members of the Board of Management/Education and Training Boards and its contents are brought to the attention of all teachers in your employment, including those on leave of absence.
- 3.2 This Information Note can be accessed on the Department's website at [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie).

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