

Circular No 1988/41

To: Education and Library Boards

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PERIPATETIC AND SUPPLY TEACHERS

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PERIPATETIC TEACHERS

1. Agreement has now been reached by the Teachers' Negotiating Machinery in relation to a revised promotion structure for peripatetic teachers to take effect from 1 September 1988. The purpose of this Circular is to bring to the attention of Boards the promotion structure which has been agreed.

2. As from 1 September 1988 there will be 2 categories of peripatetic teachers:-

I. Peripatetic teachers engaged wholly or mainly in teaching pupils who are hearing impaired, visually impaired or in respect of whom a Board is maintaining a statement of special educational needs; peripatetic remedial teachers. All such teachers will be entitled to receive a promotion allowance of at least rate B.

II. Other peripatetic teachers. All such teachers will be entitled to a promotion allowance of at least rate A.

3. The following promotion structure represents the agreed structure for the pools of peripatetic teachers employed by each Board from 1 September 1988:-

CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY BOARD	NUMBER OF PROMOTION ALLOWANCES		
		A	RATE B	C
I	1-3	-	1-3	-
	4-8	-	2-6	2
	9-16	-	6-13	3
	17-24	-	13-20	4
II	1-8	1-7	1*	-
	9-16	7-14	2	-
	17-24	14-21	3	-

*Where the number of teachers employed is 4 or more.

4. Where, on 31 August 1988, a peripatetic teacher is being paid a promotion allowance at a rate which is not provided for in paragraph 3, or where on that date the number of peripatetic teachers being paid promotion allowances exceeds the relevant limit set out in paragraph 3, those teachers shall continue to receive the allowances being paid on 31 August 1988 while they remain employed as peripatetic teachers in that category.

SUPPLY TEACHERS

5. The promotion structure for supply teachers is unchanged and is as follows:-

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY BOARD	NUMBER OF PROMOTION ALLOWANCES	RATE B
Up to 8	-	-
9-16	1	1
17-24	2	2
25-32	3	3
33-40	4	4
41-48	5	5

6. It should be noted that the Teachers' (Eligibility) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 provide that, from 1 August 1988, a teacher may not be appointed as a peripatetic or supply teacher until he has satisfactorily completed a period of probation.

7. Circular 1979/36 is hereby cancelled.

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