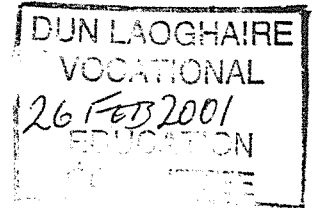


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Transfer of responsibility for the superannuation of Institute of Technology and VEC staff (other than vocational teachers) to the Department of Education and Science

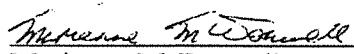
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I refer to Circular Letter S.21/98 of 6 October 1998 concerning the transfer of responsibility for the superannuation of vocational teachers to the Minister for Education and Science.

An Order, the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions), Order, 2001 was signed by the Taoiseach on 30 January 2001. The Order gives statutory effect to the transfer of specified Ministerial functions and Departmental administration in relation to the superannuation schemes as they apply to all Institute of Technology staff and VEC staff other than vocational teachers. Any queries relating to the superannuation of staff of IOTs or VECs should be directed to the VEC and IOT Pension Scheme, Department of Education and Science, Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

While the statutory responsibility for the pensions of all IOT and VEC staff now rests with the Minister for Education and Science, individual local authorities remain, for the present, the paying authority for superannuation awards granted to such staff. Discussions aimed at removing this paying function from local authorities are continuing between this Department and the Department of Education and Science. It is this Department's aim that responsibility for the paying function will be transferred from local authorities at the earliest possible date.

Mise le meas,


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To each IOT, VEC and paying authority



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