

Circular 0036/2014

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

## Extension to the 'Grace Period' for Superannuation Benefits in respect of Special Needs Assistants

- 1. I am directed by the Minister for Education and Skills to refer to Circular 0034/2013 which states that a Special Needs Assistant who retires on or before 31 August 2014 will have his or her superannuation benefits calculated by reference to the pay scales applying on 30 June 2013.
- 2. The Government has now decided to extend the 'Grace Period' and consequently a Special Needs Assistant who retires on or before 30 June 2015 will have his or her superannuation benefits calculated by reference to the pay scales applying on 30 June 2013.
- 3. Please ensure that copies of this Circular are provided to all members of the Board of Management/ Education and Training Board and its contents are brought to the attention of all Special Needs Assistants in your employment including those on leave of absence.
- 4. This Circular can be accessed on the Department's website under <a href="http://www.education.ie">http://www.education.ie</a>

Philip Crosby Principal 23 April 2014