



*To: The Chief Executive Officer of each  
Vocational Education Committee*

### ***CIRCULAR LETTER PEN 11/04***

#### ***Admission of Vocational Education Committees to membership of the Public Sector Transfer Network***

#### **1. Introduction.**

- 1.1 Prior to the Transfer of Functions Order made by Government in January 2001, SI number 14 of 2001, the question of transferring service to and from VECs fell to be dealt with on the basis of the Local Government Transfer Network.
- 1.2 The Transfer of Functions Order had the effect of transferring membership of VEC staff from the Local Government Superannuation Scheme to the Education Sector Superannuation Scheme. Following consultations with the Department of Finance, it has been agreed that transfers of service to and from VECs will, with effect from 30 January 2001, be dealt with on the basis of the Public Sector Transfer Network.

#### **2. Additional categories of transferable service.**

- 2.1 The main difference between the Networks is that, where an organisation operates more than one pension scheme, the LG Network may not designate all of the pension schemes for transfer purposes. The PS Network, on the other hand will recognise all of the pension schemes in an organisation which meets broad public service requirements. The effect of the change of Networks, therefore, is that certain service which was not transferable under the Local Government Transfer Network has now, with effect from 30 January 2001, become transferable.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 attached is a list organisations which participate in the LG Transfer Network on the basis of the designation of specified superannuation schemes. This list should be brought to the attention of all staff who are currently in service with the VEC, or who have retired from service with the VEC and who have served in the organisations in question. Where they have had service in those organisations which has not been transferred, the question whether the service may now be transferred should be considered.
- 2.3 Where the service was given as a member of one of the organisation's staff pension schemes, it will be transferable.

**4. Circulation.**

This Circular, together with Appendix 1 of the Circular, should be brought to the attention of all staff who are currently in service with the VEC, or who have retired from service with the VECs, and who have served in any of the organisations listed in Appendix 1.

The circular is also available on the Department's website, [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

**5. Enquiries.**

Enquiries by VECs regarding the provisions of this Circular should be addressed to the Department at the address given below.

PENSIONS (VEC),  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
CORNAMADDY,  
ATHLONE

Enquiries by phone should be made to 090 64 84004 or 090 64 74621 extensions 3657 or 3658

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## Appendix 2

### Organisations which participate in the Local Government Transfer Network on a different basis from that in which they participate in the Public Sector Transfer Network

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
Aer Lingus (Irish Airlines Superannuation Scheme)	IDA
Aer Rianta (Irish Airlines Superannuation Scheme)	IPA
An Bord Bainne	Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)
Bord Gais Eireann	INTO
Bord Na Mona	National Building Agency Ltd
Coras Iompair Eireann	NCAD
Cork Harbour Commissioners	Nuclear Energy Board
Dublin District Milk Board	Pigs and Bacon Commission
Dublin Docklands Development Authority	RTE
Dublin Port & Docks Board	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
ESRI	Royal Irish Academy
ESB	Shannon Free Airport Development Co. Ltd.
Housing Finance Agency	VHI