



Information Note TC 0015/2021

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

**Temporary changes to the Career Break Scheme
for
Registered Teachers employed in Recognised Primary and Post
Primary Schools - 2021/22 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. This Information Note advises that these restrictions are also suspended for the 2021/22 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 availing of a 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 this Information Note is circulated 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.

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