



Circular 20/2006

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DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND
CHILDREN
AN RÚN
SAIBTEARNAIR IARNA

Quality and Safety
of Health Services

To: CDO's, Supervision Officers
Schemes: The Local Government Supervision Scheme
The Non-rated Health Agencies Supervision Scheme
The Voluntary Hospitals Supervision Scheme
Model Supervision Schemes of Agencies
Under the Aegis of the Department of Health and Children

Part-time public health services employers
Extension of time limits for access and reckoning prior services

Issued under the authority of the Minister for Health and Children in reference to Circular 23/2005 issued on 23 December 2005.

Within the public health sector the Schemes covered by this circular include;

- The Local Government Supervision Scheme (LGSS)
- The Non-rated Health Agencies Supervision Scheme (NHASS)
- The Voluntary Hospitals Supervision Scheme (VHSS)
- Model supervision schemes of Agencies under the aegis of the Department of Health and Children.

It refers, in particular, to the time limits set out in paragraphs 27 and 33 of Circular 23/2005.

Access

Paragraph 27 set an earlier deadline of ...

The option of access to a scheme offered to first of paragraph 24 above will be available until 31 October 2006.

The time limit is hereby extended to 31 October 2007.

Reckoning of prior part-time service

Paragraphs 27 and 33 set a deadline for reckoning prior service ...

For serving employees, the arrangements of paragraph 26(a), 22(a)(ii) or 32(a)(iii), as appropriate, regarding payment of back contributions will be available until 30 June 2008 or the date of retirement, if earlier.

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The time limit for payment of all 'back' contributions is hereby extended to 30 June 2000 or the date of retirement, if earlier.

Please note

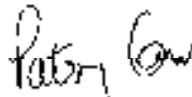
*In the case of former part-time employees who were serving on or after 31 April 1996 / 30 December 2001, as appropriate, and who had retired before the date of issue of this circular (December 2003), the 'back' contributions must be paid at the time of paying into the relevant scheme. There is **no** change in this provision.*

All other conditions continue to apply in full to the 2000/03.

Queries

Any cases of doubt or difficulty arising in connection with this circular should be referred by employees, in writing, to the Pension Policy Unit, Department of Health and Children, Harold's Cross, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2.

Yours sincerely



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