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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN
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Suspension or Reduction of Allowances (Pensions) on Public Health Sector Superannuation Schemes

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I am directed by the Minister and Ministers for Health and Children to advise you of alterations to the application of allowance provisions for certain public health sector pensioners working in agencies / organisations covered by the scheme from which their pensions are paid.

The (Pensions) (Allowances) Act 1962 provides the legislative basis for the suspension or reduction of an allowance (pension) where, after retirement, a scheme pensioner is employed in an agency / organisation in which the superannuation scheme paying the pension applies. Nevertheless, plus pension for the specified period should not exceed the up-rated commutation rate for the year from which the pension is retired.

Suspension or reduction of allowances is dealt with under

LGSS; The Local Government (Superannuation) (Consolidation) Scheme, 1978 (Article 13(1)(a)(i) and (ii))

NHSS; Section 19 of the National Health Agencies Superannuation Scheme 1981.

VHS; Section 20 of the Voluntary Health Superannuation Scheme 1960 (as amended 1977).

In the above named schemes pension is determined by the specified period of employment. Any work in the 'specified period' can be examined with reference to the work in that period. The extent of the 'specified period' may have the impact of permitting a pensioner to earn up to 50% of the up-rated commutation of a higher former post, before any reduction in pension payable.

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