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EDUCATION SERVICE INCENTIVE PAYMENT ACT (CHAPTER 87B)

EDUCATION SERVICE INCENTIVE PAYMENT (CONNECT PLAN) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(1) of the Education Service Incentive Payment Act, the Minister for Education makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations are the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and, except for regulation 5(b) and (c), are deemed to have come into operation on 17 August 2008.

(2) Regulation 5(b) is deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 2002.

(3) Regulation 5(c) is deemed to have come into operation on 13 October 2003.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the Education Service Incentive Payment (CONNECT Plan) Regulations (Rg 1) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “member’s account”, the following definitions:

““non-qualifying leave without pay” means any leave without pay that is not qualifying leave without pay;

“qualifying leave without pay” means any leave without pay that is regarded, under the provisions of the Instruction Manual relating to the types of leave of a member for the time being in force, as counting towards

a member's length of service for the purpose of determining service benefits;”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Reckoning qualifying service

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 3(3) of the Act, the following periods of service falling within the period between 1 January and 15 November (both dates inclusive) in 2002 and every subsequent year, less any period or periods deductible under regulation 5, are to be counted as qualifying service:

- (a) any period of service in the Education Service (whether in a full-time or part-time capacity);
- (b) the whole of any period of teaching service in any aided school (whether in a full-time or part-time capacity);
- (c) any period of service on posting, secondment or loan to any department or Ministry of the Government or to any other body (whether or not on teaching duties) in accordance with prevailing instructions of the Government;
- (d) any period during which a member is on leave with full pay or partial pay;
- (e) any period during which a member is sponsored by the Government for further in-service studies.

(2) For the purposes of section 3(3) of the Act, any period of service —

- (a) during which a member is on qualifying leave without pay; and
- (b) that falls within —
 - (i) the period between 17 August 2008 and 15 November 2008 (both dates inclusive); or

- (ii) the period between 1 January and 15 November (both dates inclusive) in 2009 or any subsequent year,

less any period or periods deductible under regulation 5, is also to be counted as qualifying service.”.

Amendment of regulation 5

4. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “leave without pay” in paragraph (b), the words “, where the period is not counted as qualifying service under regulation 4(2)”.

Amendment of regulation 9

5. Regulation 9(4) of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “the member is on”, the words “non-qualifying”;
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “leave without pay”, the words “or on leave with pay”; and
 - (c) by deleting the word “November” and substituting the word “December”.

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