



Information Note TC 0023/2021

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

Amendment to the Maternity Leave Scheme for Registered Teachers employed in Recognised Primary and Post Primary Schools

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Due to legislative changes, this Information Note advises employers of an amendment to the [Maternity Leave Scheme](#) for teachers, contained in Circular 0054/2019 (Chapter 2).
- 1.2 The contents of this Information Note should be implemented with immediate effect.

2. Maternity Leave Entitlement

- 2.1 Paragraph 2.6 of the Maternity Leave Scheme is amended as follows:

'In the event of a stillbirth, or miscarriage, any time after the 24th week of pregnancy, or where the child has a birth weight of at least 500 grammes, full Maternity Leave entitlements apply.'

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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