



Circular 0012/2016

TO BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT, PRINCIPAL TEACHERS AND TEACHING STAFF IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Release Time for Principal Teachers in Primary Schools

1. Introduction

The purpose of this circular is to set out the number of days that teaching principals may take as release time in a school year commencing from the 2016/17 school year.

This circular replaces Circular 25/02 in relation to the number of days that teaching principals may take as release time in a school year. However, the terms of Circular 14/01 "[Release Time for Principal Teachers in Primary Schools](#)" (other than Section 2.1) continue to apply.

2. Release Time for Teaching Principals in Primary Schools

Size of School *	Number of days release time
Principal + 5 / 6	25
Principal + 3 / 4	20
Principal + 0 / 1 / 2	15

* Under the terms of this circular size of school refers to teaching principals, mainstream class posts, including developing school posts and mainstream class appeal posts and excludes ex-quota posts e.g. GAM/EAL, Resource, HSCL, etc.

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