

Lead topic: Public Service Pay and Industrial Relations	Sub-topic: Restoration of Allowances	Contact: Tom Clarke/Don Culliton
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FAST FACTS

- Agreement was reached in the context of the recent public service pay negotiations on a number of ancillary matters. This is a normal part of industrial relations that when parties are gathered, they seek to progress a range of non-core as well as core issues.

The WRC agreement with the INMO/SIPTU in March 2017 provides for the restoration of certain allowances for post-2012 new entrant nurses, which are:

- Midwifery Qualification;
- Registered general nurse in the community;
- Nurse co-ordinator allowance;
- Specialist co-ordinator allowance (nurse tutors); and
- Nurses assigned to occupational therapy.
- Restoration of the allowance for post-2012 new entrant radiographers working in the Breast Check Unit in the health service falls to be progressed following the conclusion of the recent negotiations.

In addition to the allowances mentioned in relation to the Health sector, a number of issues fall to be progressed following the conclusion of the recent negotiations, as follows:

- The consequential increase of €500 in the rate of Rent Allowance and associated salary scale consolidations for Prison Officers and Firefighters on foot of the Labour Court recommendations on An Garda Síochána.
- Extension of the Rent Allowance to those small number of full-time Firefighters not already in receipt of it.
- Restoration of the following allowances for post-2012 new entrants:

– Livestock Allowance for certain technical officers in the Department of Agriculture; and

– Tool Allowance for craft workers in the Local Authorities, OPW, and health and education sectors.

Implementation of all of the above measures is conditional on the ratification of the new Agreement by the unions/associations concerned.