



## Information Note TC/IN 0010/2024

**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 which came into effect on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024, this Information Note advises employers of an amendment to the Maternity Leave Scheme for teachers, contained in Circular 0054/2019 (Chapter 2).

#### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> week of pregnancy, or where the child has a birth weight of at least 400 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.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie).

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