

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to this Department's circular ref: S116/48 of 23 Meitheamh 1975 which approved the grant of special leave to officers on the occasion of their marriage and to state that the following provisions may be substituted for those contained in the 1975 circular:

"With effect from the current leave year (1983) an officer may be allowed up to a maximum of 5 days special leave with pay on the occasion of his/her marriage provided that the amount of special leave granted for this purpose together with the officers annual leave allowance in respect of the leave year in which the marriage takes place does not exceed a total of 24 days, excluding any annual leave carried over from the previous year. (On the basis of a 6 day week the figures would be 6 and 28 respectively). Special leave on marriage may, however, be allowed only where the employer is satisfied that the officer intends to return to duty after marriage. An officer who fails to return to duty will be liable to forfeiture of the amount paid in respect of such leave."

This provision may also apply to officers whose marriages have already taken place in the current year (1983) and who returned to duty after marriage.

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