

Circular 150/2000

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Specialist Nursing Courses

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to a new initiative announced by him on 29 November 2000 concerning funding for certain specialist nursing courses.

Under the initiative a nurse or midwife undertaking certain specialist courses should receive full pay while doing so. She/he will also be entitled to have her/his fees paid in full. This is in return for a commitment on the part of the nurse or midwife to continue working within the public health service in the specialist area for one year (12 months) following completion of the course.

These arrangements are effective from the current academic year and will apply to post-registration courses in the following specialised areas of clinical practice:

A & E,
Critical Care (including ITU, CCU, Cardiac and Burns),
Peri-operative (including Peri-anaesthesia, Operating Theatre and Operating Department).

Your non-capital allocation will be adjusted to take account of appropriate additional costs. In this context, please submit detailed costings for 2000 and 2001 to the Nursing Policy Division as soon as possible.

Any queries in relation to this circular should be addressed to the Nursing Policy Division. Telephone enquiries may be made at (01) 635 4056/7.

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