

Revised Salary Rates applicable from 1st February 2026 for School Secretaries, Caretakers and Cleaners who have Public Service Contracts

All salary scales and hourly rates payable to affected staff set out in previous guidelines are superseded by the terms of this guideline.

1. Introduction

Under Public Service Agreement 2024-2026, whole-time annual basic scale salaries will be increased by 1% or €500 whichever is greater, with effect from 1st February 2026.

2. Salary Increase

- The revised rates of salary are based on [Circular 0009/2026](#). The increases apply to **Department sanctioned clerical, caretakers and cleaning staff**. Circular 0009/2026 applies to sanctioned Department staff **only** paid from the Non-Teacher Pay grant.

Revised salary scales for school secretaries and school maintenance staff, which are inclusive of the increases, are detailed in [Circular 0009/2026](#).

3. School staff funded by the SSSF grant and other funds

- This increase **does not apply** to secretaries, caretakers, cleaners, etc. funded from the SSSF grant and general school funds and paid directly by the board, unless specified in their contract of employment or approved by the board of management.

4. Deductions

- Deductions from pay which are expressed as a percentage of pay (e.g., union subscriptions or pension deductions) should be recalculated based on the revised rates of pay effective from the 1st February 2026.

5. Pensions

- The principle of pay parity in pension increases for pre-existing public service schemes has been agreed up to 30th June 2026 in line with the Public Service Agreement 2024-2026.

Therefore, the increases detailed above will apply to the public service occupational pension schemes, with the exception of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme. See **Appendix A** for further details on this.

Please contact the Department of Education and Youth's Schools Division Financial if you require further assistance with any pension calculations on cfinancial@education.gov.ie.

- The lump sums of relevant employees who have retired since the 1st February 2026 will need to be revised and the Department of Education and Youth's Schools Division Financial should be contacted for this also.

- Pensions for officers who are currently re-employed in the public service and whose pensions were evaluated for Pension Abatement under Section 52 of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012, will need to be re-evaluated in the context of the increases outlined in Circular 0009/2026. A pensioner, not previously subject to abatement, may now be subject to abatement as a result of the increases.

6. Allowances

- The Agreement also provides for increases in allowances in the nature of pay of 1% from 1st February 2026.
- Allowances which are calculated as a specific percentage or specified portion of basic pay should be calculated by reference to the revised rates of pay with effect from 1st February 2026.

7. Part-time Department Sanctioned Staff (fully funded by the Department through the Non-Teacher Pay Grant)

- The pay of part-time staff will be revised, in accordance with normal arrangements, by reference to the pay of whole-time staff to which they are related for pay purposes.

8. Reference

This guideline is based on [Circular 0009/2026](#).

Further information or clarification on any of the issues raised in this guideline can be obtained from the FSSU.

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Appendix A

Example of Calculating the Pension Increase

An increase will apply to the public service occupational pension schemes with effect from the 1st February 2026, with the exception of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme.

This essentially means that where there is a 1% increase in the salary scale, there will be a corresponding increase in the pension. Where there is a fixed € amount (i.e. €500) increase, you need to know:

- the point on the scale the individual retired on
- the pension factor used to calculate the pension

For example, Mary retired in 2010 from a grade III clerical officer post on the long service increment. Her pension was calculated on a salary of €39,556, using a factor of 0.42 (€39,556 x 0.42), giving an annual pension of €16,613.

In line with previous pay increases, her pension at the 1st August 2025 was based on a salary of €48,425 multiplied by her pension factor of 0.42 = €20,339.

On the 1st February 2026, Mary is due an increase in her pension, based on the increase to the salary scale of €500. Her new annual pension will be the salary per the scale €48,925 multiplied by her pension factor of 0.42 = €20,549.

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Rátaí athbheithnithe tuarastail is infheidhme ón 1 Feabhra 2026 maidir le Rúnaithe Scoile, Feighlithe agus Glantóirí a bhfuil Conradh Seirbhíse Poiblí acu

Tiocfaidh téarmaí na treoirlíne seo in ionad na scálaí tuarastail agus na rátaí in aghaidh na huairé go léir ab iníoctha leis na baill foirne atá i gceist, a leagadh amach i dtreoirlínte roimhe seo.

1. Réamhrá

De réir Chomhaontú Seirbhíse Poiblí 2024-2026, méadófar tuarastail bhunscála lánaimseartha bhliantúla 1% nó €500, cibé acu is mó, le héifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2026.

2. Méadú Tuarastail

- Is ar [Chiorclán 0009/2026](#) atá na rátaí tuarastail leasaithe bunaithe. Baineann na méaduithe le **foireann cléireachais, feighlithe agus glantacháin atá ceadaithe ag an Roinn**. Ní bhaineann Ciorclán 0009/2026 **ach amháin** le foireann cheadaithe de chuid na Roinne a íoctar as an Deontas Pá Neamh-Mhúinteora.

Na scálaí tuarastail leasaithe do rúnaithe scoile agus baill foirne cothabhála scoile, a bhfuil an méadú san áireamh iontu, leagtar amach i [gCiorclán 0009/2026](#) iad.

3. Baill foirne scoile arna maoiniú ag an deontas SSSF agus cistí eile

- Ní bheidh feidhm ag an méadú seo ar rúnaithe, feighlithe, glantóirí, srl. a mhaoinítear ón deontas SSSF ná ó chistí ginearálta scoile, agus a n-íocann an bord go díreach iad, ach amháin má shonraítear a mhalairt ina gconradh fostaíochta.

4. Asbhaintí

- Aon asbhaintí ó phá a ríomhtar mar chéatadán de phá (m.sh. síntiúis cheardchumainn nó asbhaintí pinsin), ba cheart iad a athríomh bunaithe ar na rátaí leasaithe pá le héifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2026.

5. Pinsin

- Comhaontaíodh go mbeidh feidhm ag prionsabal na pairesachta pá i méaduithe pinsin maidir le scéimeanna seirbhíse poiblí a bhí ann cheana go dtí an 30 Meitheamh 2026 i gcomhréir le Comhaontú Seirbhíse Poiblí 2024-2026.

Beidh feidhm dá bhrí sin ag na méaduithe atá sonraithe thuas ar scéimeanna pinsin ceirde na seirbhíse poiblí, cé i moite de Scéim Pinsin Aonair na Seirbhíse Poiblí.

Féach **Aguisín A** le haghaidh tuilleadh sonraí maidir leis sin.

Déan teagmháil le Rannán Airgeadais Scoileanna na Roinne Oideachais agus Óige ag ccfinancial@education.gov.ie má theastaíonn tuilleadh cúnaimh uait le haon ríomhanna pinsin.

- Caithfear cnapshuimeanna na bhfostaithe siúd a chuaigh ar scor ón 1 Feabhra 2026 a athbhreithniú agus ba cheart teagmháil a dhéanamh le Rannán Airgeadais Scoileanna na Roinne Oideachais agus Óige chuige sin freisin.
- Maidir le pinsin na n-oifigeach atá athfhostaithe faoi láthair sa tseirbhís phoiblí agus a ndearnadh measúnú ar a bpinsin i gcomhair Laghdú Pinsin faoi Alt 52 den Acht um Pinsin na Seirbhíse Poiblí (Scéim Aonair agus Forálacha Eile), 2012, ní mór athmheasúnú a dhéanamh orthu anois i gcomhthéacs na méaduithe atá leagtha amach i gCiorclán 0009/2026. Fiú mura raibh pinsinéir faoi réir laghdú den sórt sin roimhe seo, d'fhéadfadh sé nó sí a bheith faoi réir laghdú anois mar thoradh ar na méaduithe.

6. Liúntais

- Foráiltear sa Chomhaontú freisin do mhéaduithe 1% ar liúntais trí phá ón 1 Feabhra 2026.
- Na liúntais a ríomhtar mar chéatadán sonrath nó mar chion sonrath de bhunphá, ba cheart iad a ríomh trí thagairt do na rátaí pá leasaithe le héifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2026.

7. Foireann Pháirtaimseartha atá Ceadaithe ag an Roinn (lámhaoinithe ag an Roinn tríd an Deontas Pá Neamh-Mhúinteora)

- Déanfar pá ball foirne páirtaimseartha a leasú de réir na ngnáthshocruithe, trí thagairt do phá na mball foirne lánaimseartha a mbaineann siad leo ó thaobh pá de.

8. Tagairt

Tá an treoirlíne seo bunaithe ar [Chiorclán 0009/2026](#).

Déan teagmháil le FSSU le tuilleadh eolais nó soiléiriú a fháil ar aon cheann de na saincheisteanna a luaitear sa Treoirlíne seo.

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Aguisín A

Sampla de méadú pinsin a ríomh

Beidh feidhm ag méadú ar scéimeanna pinsin ceirde na seirbhíse poiblí le héifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2026, cé is moite de Scéim Pinsin Aonair na Seirbhíse Poiblí.

Ciallaíonn sé sin go bunúsach, nuair a thiocfaidh méadú 1% ar an scála tuarastail, go dtiocfaidh méadú comhfhreagrach ar an bpinsean. Dá mbeadh méadú de mhéid (€500) seasta ann bíodh a fhios agat:

- an pointe ar an scála ar a ndeachaigh an duine ar scor
- an fachtóir pinsin a úsáidtear chun an pinsean a ríomh

Mar shampla, chuaigh Máire ar scor sa bhliain 2010 ó phost oifigeach cléireachais de ghrád III ar incrimint fadseirbhíse. Ríomhadh a pinsean bunaithe ar thuarastal €39,556, agus fachtóir 0.42 á úsáid ($€39,556 \times 0.42$), ónar tháinig pinsean bliantúil €16,613.

I gcomhréir le méaduithe pá roimhe seo, ar an 1 Lúnasa 2025 bhí a pinsean bunaithe ar thuarastal €48,425 arna iolrú faoin bhfachtóir pinsin 0.42 = €20,339.

Ar an 1 Feabhra 2026, tá méadú ar a pinsean ag dul do Mháire, bunaithe ar an méadú €500 ar an scála tuarastail. An pinsean bliantúil nua a bheidh aici ná an tuarastal de réir an scála $€48,925 \times$ a fachtóir pinsin 0.42 = €20,549.

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