

20th November 2017

Mr. Sean Heading
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Good afternoon,

I refer to your recent correspondence regarding the annual payment of the tool allowance to Craft Workers emanating from the 2003 parallel benchmarking process.

As you will be aware the allowance initially stood at €888 however this was reduced by 5% as a result of government decision and stood at €843.60 in 2012.

A further decrease was agreed in the context of the Haddington Road Agreement whereby effective from 1st July 2013, the tool allowance is reduced to 80% of the current rate.

Therefore for 2017 craft workers with a full year entitlement should be paid **€674.88** and pro rata thereafter for anything less than a full year entitlement

Local Authorities have now been advised to put in place arrangements for the payment of this allowance in December to the grades concerned. Local authorities are being reminded that the Tool Allowance is abolished in respect of New Beneficiaries in accordance with Departmental Circular Letter E.L. 06/2012 .

If there are any queries in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards



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Assistant Chief Executive

