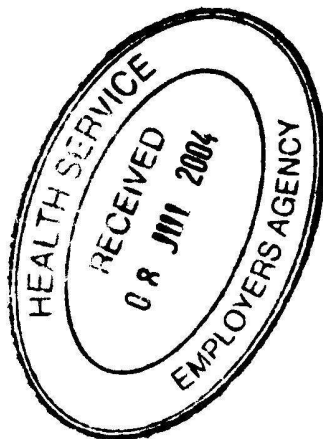


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Location Allowance for Nursing Grades
Agreement on the Implementation of new arrangements in relation to payment of Location Allowance to Nurses working in recognised areas

1. I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the review of the application of the location allowance recently completed. This review was undertaken in the context of paragraph 7 of the **Agreement on the implementation of new arrangements in relation to payment of the Location Allowance to Nurses working in recognised areas**.
2. I am to convey sanction for the application of the Location Allowance to nurses working in dedicated Care of the Elderly¹ and Alzheimers Units in both Mental Health Services and the Intellectual Disability Sector with effect from 1 January 2004.
3. Nurses up to and including Clinical Nurse Manager II level working in Psycho-geriatric Wards, Elderly Mentally Infirm Units, Alzheimers Units, Psychiatry of Later Life Services and Care of the Elderly Services are eligible for payment of the location allowance. Appendix A contains a full list of areas eligible for the location allowance.

¹ Excluding Care of the Elderly Day Care Centres

4. The location allowance must be discontinued when nurses move from qualifying areas or are promoted above Clinical Nurse Manager II level. Pro-rata arrangements apply to job-sharing and part-time staff.
5. Managers are reminded of the importance of adhering to national agreements on the payment of allowances. The location allowance may only be paid to staff working in units listed in Appendix A.
6. Any queries concerning this arrangement should be referred to the Health Service Employers Agency, 63-64 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 (Tel. 01 6626966).


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Appendix A

- Accident and Emergency Departments
- Theatre/O.R.
- Intensive Care Units
- Cancer/Oncology Units
- Geriatric Units/Long-Stay Hospital or Units in County Homes
- Units for Severe and Profoundly Handicapped in Mental Handicap Services
- Acute Admission Units in Mental Health Services
- Secure Units in Mental Health Services
- Care of the Elderly (excluding Care of the Elderly Day Care Centres)
- Alzheimers Units in both Mental Health Services and the Intellectual Disability Sector
- Psycho-geriatric Wards
- Elderly Mentally Infirm Units
- Psychiatry of Later Life Services