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Each Health Board

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Each Public Voluntary and Joint Board Hospital

Chief Officer
Each Mental Handicap and Specialist Agency

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DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH
PARADE,
DUBLIN 2

Sessional Rates/Allowances/Fees payable to Paramedical Staff

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to Partnership 2000 for Inclusion, Employment and Competitiveness and, in particular, to this Department's Circular 52/98 of 22 June 1998. Arising from the terms of Partnership 2000, sanction may be assumed for payment of the attached revised rates with effect from 1 July 1998. The rates are indexed as follows:

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GENERAL PARAMEDICAL SESSIONAL RATES*

	<u>1/4/98</u>	<u>1/7/98</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Per 3 hour session	46.99	48.05
Or 2 three hourly sessions held at the same location on the same day	80.41	82.22

**** Sessional payments relevant to particular paramedical professions are listed hereafter.***

CHIROPODISTS

Health Boards only:

Fees for services provided under GMS Scheme

Treatment	2.07	2.12
Surgery Visit	11.44	11.70
Domiciliary Visit	17.19	17.58

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

	<u>1/4/98</u>	<u>1/7/98</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>NATURE OF PAYMENT</u>		
<u>Sessional Hospitals</u>		
<u>Emergency/On-Call Duty</u>		
Emergency Sessions		
- Fee per session	138.23	141.34
Fee per call/patient for service from midnight to 9.00a.m. each night of the week	12.24	12.52
- Standby		
(a) Monday to Friday	6.12	6.26
(b) Saturdays	7.98	8.16
(c) Sundays and Public Holidays	11.90	12.17
 <u>Non-Sessional Hospitals</u>		
<i>I Hospitals up to 5 calls per week</i>		
Per call without standby	33.57	34.33
<i>II Hospitals over 5 calls per week</i>		
- Payment for up to 60 calls per week per hospital	12.24	12.52
- Payment for over 60 calls per week per hospital	8.27	8.46
- Standby		
(a) Monday to Friday	12.24	12.52
(b) Saturdays	15.97	16.33
(c) Sundays and Public Holidays	23.88	24.42

PART-TIME PHARMACISTS

	<u>1/4/98</u>	<u>1/7/98</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Rate per hour:-</u>		
First 6 hours:	19.25	19.68
Over 6 hours:	14.12	14.44
Maximum payment for 21 hours:	326.21	333.55

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

NATURE OF PAYMENT

Emergency/On-Call Duty

I On-Call with Standby

- Monday to Friday	12.24	12.52
- Saturday	15.97	16.33
- Sunday and Public Holiday	23.88	24.42
- Fee per call (per half hour)	12.24	12.52

II On-Call without Standby

- Fee per call (per hour)	33.57	34.33
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On-Call Standby only:

The total Standby fees paid by an individual hospital should not exceed £103.35 from 1 July 1998 for any week except for a week during which a public holiday occurs.

Scheduled Continuation Treatments on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

I Saturdays

- Per 3 hour session and pro-rata subject to a minimum payment of:	59.69	61.03
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II Sundays and Public Holidays

- Per 3 hour session and pro-rata subject to a minimum payment of:	79.56	81.35
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SESSIONAL RATES FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

	<u>1/4/98</u> <u>£</u>	<u>1/7/98</u> <u>£</u>
A Psychologist employed on a sessional basis as a member of an <u>Assessment Team</u> (with a Psychiatrist and a Social Worker) engaged by the Health Boards for the diagnosis and assessment of mental handicap should be remunerated per three hour session and pro-rata as follows:	73.33	74.98
 A Psychologist employed on a sessional basis, with the exception of those specifically appointed to Assessment Teams, should be remunerated as follows:		
per three hour session	61.55	62.93
for 2 three hourly sessions held at the same location on the same day	105.34	107.71

RADIOGRAPHERS

	<u>1/4/98</u>	<u>1/7/98</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>NATURE OF PAYMENT</u>		
<u>Sessional Hospitals</u>		
<u>Emergency/On-Call Duty</u>		
I Standby Payment		
From 10.00p.m. to 9.00a.m. Monday - Friday	8.75	8.95
Per hour on Saturday	0.91	0.93
Per hour on Sunday	1.33	1.36
II Fee Per Call/Patient		
Per Call/Patient	12.24	12.52
III Sessions		
- Monday to Friday	98.76	100.98
- Saturday	115.18	117.77
- Sunday	138.23	141.34
<u>Non-Sessional Hospitals</u>		
<u>On-Call and Standby Duty</u>		
I On-Call with Standby		
- Monday to Friday (each day)	12.24	12.52
- Saturday	15.97	16.33
- Sunday and Public Holidays	23.88	24.42
- Fee per call	12.24	12.52
<u>NATURE OF PAYMENT</u>		
<u>II On-Call without Standby</u>		
- Fee per call	33.57	34.33

On-Call Standby only:

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RADIOGRAPHERS (continued)

	<u>1/4/98</u>	<u>1/7/98</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>CT Scan On-Call Rates</u>		
Between normal finishing time and midnight Monday to Friday and from 9.00a.m. to 12 noon Saturday	48.61	49.70
Midnight to 9.00a.m. Monday to Friday and from 12 noon Saturday to 9.00a.m. Monday	64.74	66.20

PART-TIME RADIOGRAPHERS

Rate per hour:

Premium rate (less than 15 hours p.w.)	13.22	13.52
Pro-rata (over 15 hours p.w.)	9.44	9.65

SOCIAL WORKERS

Three hour session	50.40	51.53
2 three-hourly sessions (held at the same location on the same day)	86.23	88.17

ALLOWANCES
ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR BIOCHEMISTS

	<u>1/4/98</u>	<u>1/7/98</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Annual allowances payable to Basic and Senior Grades		
Hons BSc	531	543
MSc	1,061	1,085
PhD	1,386	1,417
Only <u>one</u> allowance is payable at a time		

STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS

Health Boards only

Weekly Training Allowance for students of Environmental Health while on approved practice placement for academic year 1995/96 et seq. is: 100

STUDENT MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

Health Boards only

Third year MLT Students **monthly** Training Allowance academic year 1993/94 et seq. is: 600

ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS
IN SMALL HOSPITAL LABORATORIES

<u>Allowance:-</u> at least five years' service	1,177	1,203
<u>Allowance:-</u> at least ten years' service	2,351	2,404

ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FOR RADIOGRAPHERS

Higher Diploma of the College of Radiography	480	491
Diploma in Ultrasound	241	246
Diploma in Nuclear Medicine	241	246

Only one diploma allowance is payable to any radiographer and then only where such diploma is relevant to their occupation.