

Education Sector Reform Agenda

The proposed reform agenda in the education sector would include the introduction of an extra hour per week in schools and third level institutions for planning and other activities, the implementation of a redeployment plan for teachers, lecturers, SNAs and VEC employees, as well as a comprehensive review of employment contracts and terms and conditions.

The following proposed reforms in respect of teachers in the education sector were considered:

- The provision of an additional hour per week to be available to facilitate, at the discretion of management, school planning, continuous professional development, induction, substitution and supervision (including supervision immediately before and after school times). This list is not exhaustive.
- Post-primary teachers to be available for three timetabled class periods per week under the supervision and substitution scheme (while leaving the current maximum number of hours used per teacher per week under this scheme the same as at present).
- Full implementation of new procedures providing for redeployment of surplus teachers.
- A comprehensive review and revision of the teaching contract to identify and remove any impediments to the provision of efficient and effective teaching to students in all sectors.