



**Circular 37/97**

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**PRIMARY BRANCH  
CIRCULAR LETTER TO BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT AND  
PRINCIPAL OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS**

**EXTRA PERSONAL VACATION  
RULE 58 OF THE RULES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOLS**

The Minister for Education wishes to refer to Rule 58 OF THE Rules for National Schools, and to confirm that the entitlement to extra personal vacation (EPV) on foot of attending approved summer courses is as follows:

<b>1. COURSE OR COURSES AMOUNTING TO 15 DAYS OR MORE</b>	
ATTENDANCE	EPV awarded
Full	5
9 – 14 days	4
No EPV will be awarded for less than 9 days attendance	
<b>2. COURSE OR COURSES AMOUNTING TO 9 - 14 DAYS</b>	
ATTENDANCE	EPV awarded
Full	4
6 – 8 days	3
No EPV will be awarded for less than 5 days attendance	
<b>3. COURSES OR COURSES AMOUNTING TO 5 – 8 DAYS</b>	
ATTENDANCE	EPV awarded
Full	3
4 days	2
No EPV will be awarded for less than 4 days attendance	

**It should be noted that no EPV entitlement arises where attendance at any specific course amounts to 3 days or less, and, in particular, that 5 DAYS EPV IS THE MAXIMUM WHICH MAY BE AWARDED IN ANY SCHOOL YEAR.**

Enquiries in relation to EPV scheme should be addresses to Department of Education, **Primary Administration Section 1**, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. Tel 01 8734700 or 090 64 83600

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