*I refer to discussions between the Department, ACCS and the Staff side on the eligibility of Route 3 registered teachers to apply for Posts of Responsibility. The Department wishes to clarify that in the context of implementation of Circular 0003/2018, the following is the position:*

***To be eligible to apply for leadership posts in post primary schools in the Community and Comprehensive sector that provide both mainstream post-primary and Post-Leaving Certificate/Further Education programmes/courses, applicants must be fully registered with the Teaching Council under Route 2 or Route 3.***

***Teachers assimilated into a C&C school established through amalgamation and who are registered with the Teaching Council under Route 3 are eligible to apply for leadership posts in that (amalgamated) school, regardless of whether or not the school provides Post-Leaving Certificate/Further Education programmes/courses.***

*I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of the relevant schools in your sector.*

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