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CIRCULAR TO DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES NO. 2 OF 2001

PAID LEAVE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

This Circular replaces Circular to Departments and Authorities No 23 of 1985.

Government employees who are members of the State Emergency Service, St John Ambulance Brigade, Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Bush Fire Brigade or Volunteer Marine Rescue Services and who are absent from duty as a result of their attendance at an emergency, may be granted leave with pay for the period of the absence.

The leave with pay is to be granted on the basis that the employee is not required for the Employer's own essential operations and/or emergency services and the voluntary organisation requiring an employee's services certifies that the person is or was required for the specific period.

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