



CIRCULAR TO DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORITIES NO 4 OF 2008

LEAVE FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS

In order to formalise Leave for International Sporting Events (LISE) for all public servants and Government officers, a model clause has been developed.

It is the Government's intention that the provisions of the model clause (**Attachment A**) shall apply to all public service officers and Government officers, and for the model clause to be incorporated into awards and agreements as far as possible.

The model clause is consistent with existing entitlements.

This Circular shall act in conjunction with Circular to Departments and Authorities No. 22 of 1988, which provides LISE for wages employees.

Until awards and agreements are amended to incorporate these provisions, the model clause is to be applied on an administrative basis. Entitlements in industrial instruments that are more favourable than the model clause must continue to be applied, unless or until award or agreement provisions are amended.

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1. Special leave with pay may be granted by an employer to an employee chosen to represent Australia as a competitor or official at a sporting event which meets the following criteria:
 - (a) it is a recognised international amateur sport of national significance;
or
 - (b) it is a world or international regional competition; and
 - (c) no contribution is made by the sporting organisation towards the normal salary of the officer.

2. The employer shall make enquiries with the Department of Sport and Recreation on:
 - (a) whether the application meets the above criteria; and
 - b) the period of leave to be granted.