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**Education Bureau Circular Memorandum No. 25/2009**

**The Revised Special Allowance Rate  
for Native-speaking English Teacher (NET) under the NET Schemes  
in Secondary and Primary Schools**

- [Note: This circular memorandum should be read by -
- (a) Supervisors/Heads of all aided secondary and primary schools, caput schools, special schools – for necessary action
  - (b) Supervisors/Heads of all private secondary and primary schools/DSS schools, Heads of Sections/Government secondary and primary schools – for information and reference.]

**SUMMARY**

This circular memorandum is to announce the revised Special Allowance rate for eligible NETs who have been serving in the 2008/09 school year. Schools are requested to bring this circular memorandum to the attention of their NETs.

**SPECIAL ALLOWANCE**

2. The Education Bureau (EDB) has adjusted the Special Allowance (SA) rate to HK\$14,245 per month with effect from the 2008/09 school year onwards for eligible NETs under the NET Schemes. The SA aims to assist NETs in meeting cost of living (mainly accommodation cost) in Hong Kong provided that they have provided proof that their normal place of residence is outside Hong Kong. The EDB will adjust and pay the SA payment to schools in March 2009 and schools should effect the relevant payment to eligible NETs accordingly.

**ENQUIRIES**

3. Please contact Mr. T W CHENG at 2892 6525 or Mr. Royce WONG at 2892 6495 for enquiries.

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