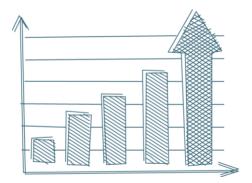
# **Employment Law**

Facts & Figures April 2024



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# Compensation limits from 6 April 2024

|   | -                                       |
|---|---|
| Complaint   | Maximum award                           |
| Discrimination  | Unlimited                               |
| Unfair dismissal:   |   |
| Basic award   | £21,000                                 |
| <ul> <li>Compensatory award</li> </ul>                        | £115,115* (unlimited in certain         |
|   | circumstances)                          |
| Additional award for failure to                               | 26 to 52 weeks' pay                     |
| reinstate   | (£18,200 to £36,400)                    |
| A week's pay used to calculate                                |   |
| basic awards and statutory                                    | £700                                    |
| redundancy payments   |   |
| Maximum statutory redundancy pay                              | £21,000                                 |
| Dismissal for union or employee                               |   |
| representative or pension trustee                             |   |
| reasons:  |   |
| Basic award   | £21,000 (minimum £8,533)                |
| Compensatory award  | £115,115*                               |
| Dismissal for health and safety                               |   |
| reasons:  |   |
| Basic award   | £21,000 (minimum £8,533)                |
| Compensatory award  | No limit                                |
| Dismissal for making a protected                              |   |
| disclosure:   |   |
| Basic award   | £21,000                                 |
| Compensatory award  | No limit                                |
|   | £25,000 in the Employment Tribunal      |
| Contract claims   | (no limit in the High or County Courts) |
| Failure to conduct collective                                 |   |
| consultation  | 90 days' gross pay per employee         |
| Failure to inform or consult over a                           |   |
| TUPE transfer   | 13 weeks' gross pay per employee        |
| Breach of right to be accompanied                             | 2 weeks' pay (up to £1,400)             |
|   | 2 weeks pay (up to £1,400)              |
| Breach of flexible working<br>regulations                     | 8 weeks' pay (up to £5,600)             |
|   |   |
| Failure to give compliant statement of employment particulars | £1,400 (2 weeks' pay) or £2,800 (4      |
| or employment particulars                                     | weeks' pay)                             |
| Statutory guarantee pay if no work is                         | £38 per day up to a maximum of          |
| provided  | £190 in respect of 5 days in any        |
| provided  |   |
|   | 3 month period                          |
| Aggravated breach of a worker's rights                        | £20,000 (minimum £100)                  |

\*Capped at 52 weeks' pay (if less)

# Qualifying periods and time limits

| Complaint  | Qualifying period   | Time limit to bring claim<br>(may be extended by Acas<br>early conciliation)   |
|--|---|--|
| Discrimination   | None  | 3 months from the date of the act complained of  |
| Equal pay  | None  | 6 months from the last<br>day of employment in<br>the Employment Tribunal<br>(6 years from breach in<br>the High Court or County<br>Court)               |
| Written reasons for<br>dismissal   | 2 years (none if<br>pregnant or on<br>matemity leave<br>or adoption<br>leave) | 3 months starting from EDT*  |
| Unfair dismissal   | 2 years   | 3 months starting from EDT*  |
| Automatically unfair<br>dismissal eg: pregnancy,<br>health & safety and<br>whistle blowing | None  | 3 months starting from EDT*  |
| Statutory redundancy payment   | 2 years   | 6 months from relevant date  |
| Failure to<br>conduct collective<br>consultation   | None  | 3 months starting with the<br>date the last dismissal takes<br>effect  |
| Failure to pay a protective award  | None  | 3 months starting with the<br>last day in respect of which<br>the complaint is made  |
| Failure to consult<br>under TUPE   | None  | 3 months from the date of the transfer   |
| Failure to provide<br>written particulars<br>of employment                                 | None  | 3 months starting from EDT*  |
| Contract claim   | None  | 3 months from EDT* in<br>the Employment Tribunal<br>(6 years from breach in the<br>High Court or County Court)<br>*EDT means effective date of terminati |

## Sick Pay

\*EDT means effective date of termination

| Payment            | From 6 April 2024 |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Statutory sick pay | £116.75 per week  |

# National minimum wage / living wage

| Category of worker   | From 1 April 2024 |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Aged 21 and over     | £11.44 per hour   |
| Aged 18-20           | £8.60 per hour    |
| Under 18             | £6.40 per hour    |
| Apprentice           | £6.40 per hour    |
| Accommodation Offset | £9.99 per day     |

## Calculating statutory redundancy pay

| 1 <sup>1</sup> /2 week's pay | Each year in employment aged 41+          |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1 week's pay                 | Each year in employment aged 22-40        |
| <sup>1</sup> /2 week's pay   | Each year in employment aged 21 and under |
| Maximum week's pay           | £700                                      |
| Maximum number of years      | Last 20 worked                            |

# Statutory minimum notice for employers

| Length of employment | Notice required                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Under 1 month        | No statutory notice requirement |
| 1 month or more      | 1 week                          |

## Statutory minimum notice for employees

| Length of employment | Notice required                                 |
|----------------------|---|
| Under 1 month        | No statutory notice requirement                 |
| 1 month to 2 years   | 1 week  |
| 2 years to 12 years  | 1 week for each completed year<br>of employment |
| 12 years or more     | 12 weeks  |

#### Working time

#### Subject to some exceptions and special cases

| Type of leave                | Minimum amount  |
|------------------------------|---|
| Paid annual leave            | 5.6 weeks per holiday year  |
| Rest break after 6 hours     | 20 minutes (30 minutes after 4 <sup>1</sup> /2 hours for 16-17 year olds) |
| Daily rest period            | 11 hours (12 hours for 16-17 year olds)                                   |
| Weekly rest period           | 24 hours (48 hours for 16-17 year olds)                                   |
| Maximum average working time | 48 hours per week (in last 17 weeks)                                      |

# Family friendly payments

|                                       | From 6 April 2024   | Max period   |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Statutory maternity pay (higher rate) | 90% of normal weekly earnings                               | 6 weeks  |
| Statutory maternity pay (basic rate)  | £184.03 a week or 90% of<br>normal weekly earnings if lower | 33 weeks   |
| Statutory paternity pay               | £184.03 a week or 90% of normal weekly earnings if lower    | 2 weeks  |
| Statutory adoption pay (higher rate)  | 90% of normal weekly earnings                               | 6 weeks  |
| Statutory adoption pay (basic rate)   | £184.03 a week or 90% of normal weekly earnings if lower    | 33 weeks   |
| Shared parental pay                   | £184.03 a week or 90% of<br>normal weekly earnings if lower | 39 weeks less<br>any time taken<br>by the mother<br>or adopter |
| Parental bereavement pay              | £184.03 a week or 90% of normal weekly earnings if lower    | 2 weeks  |
|                                       | From 6 April 2024   | Max period   |
| Matemity allowance                    | £184.03 a week or 90% of<br>normal weekly earnings if lower | 39 weeks   |

# Family friendly leave

|                           | Maximum entitlement   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Statutory maternity leave | 52 weeks (26 weeks ordinary and 26 weeks additional)              |
| Statutory paternity leave | 2 weeks leave   |
| Statutory adoption leave  | 52 weeks (26 weeks ordinary and 26 weeks additional)              |
| Shared parental leave     | 52 weeks less any time taken by the mother or adopter             |
| Parental leave            | 18 weeks unpaid per child in<br>respect of children aged under 18 |
| Time off for dependants   | 'Reasonable' amount (unpaid)                                      |
| Carers leave              | One week per year (unpaid)  |

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