

COMPENSATION LIMITS

The limits applicable to certain Employment Tribunal awards are to be increased from 6 April 2021

EMPLOYMENT RIGHT	MAXIMUM AWARD	
	OLD AMOUNT	NEW AMOUNT
Unfair Dismissal		
Basic Award	£16,140 (a) (b)	£16,320 (a) (b)
Compensatory Award	£88,519 (a) (b)	£89,493 (a) (b)
Additional Award (unreasonable failure to reinstate)	£13,988 - £27,976 i.e. 26-52 weeks' capped pay	£14,144 - £28,288 i.e. 26-52 weeks' capped pay
Redundancy Pay		
Limit on week's pay for calculation purposes (where applicable)	£16,140 (a) (c)	£16,320 (a) (c)
	£538 (gross) (b)	£544 (gross) (b)
Discrimination		
Race, sex, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, age, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, marriage/civil partnership	No Limit	No Limit
Breach of Contract claim/wrongful dismissal (Employment Tribunal claims)	£25,000	£25,000
Dismissal for union/employee representative or pension trustee reasons		
Basic Award	£16,140 (min £6,562)	£16,320 (min £6,634)
Health and safety reasons		
Basic Award	£16,140 (min £6,562)	£16,320 (min £6,634)
Compensatory Award	No Limit	No Limit
Dismissal for 'whistle blowing' (protected disclosure)		
Compensatory Award	No Limit	No Limit

- (a) The Secretary of State will change these figures annually in line with the retail prices index every year.
- (b) Applies to dismissals where the effective date of termination falls on or after 6 April 2021.
- (c) Applies to dismissals where the "appropriate date" falls on or after 6 April 2021.

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STATUTORY PAYMENTS

NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE		
AGE	CURRENT AMOUNT	FROM 1 APRIL 2021
16 - 17	£4.55 per hour	£4.62 per hour
18 - 20 *	£6.45 per hour	£6.56 per hour
Apprenticeship Rate **	£4.15 per hour	£4.30 per hour
21 - 22	£8.20 per hour	£8.36 per hour
NATIONAL LIVING WAGE		
AGE	CURRENT AMOUNT	FROM 1 APRIL 2021
23+	£8.72 per hour	£8.91 per hour
* Development Rate		
** Applies to apprentices under 19 years old or over 19 but in first year of apprenticeship		
GUARANTEE PAY		
	CURRENT AMOUNT	FROM 6 APRIL 2021
Limit on amount of guarantee payment payable to an employee in respect of any day	£150.00 (5 days in any period of 3 months) (£30.00 a day)	£150.00 (5 days in any period of 3 months) (£30.00 a day)
FAMILY FRIENDLY PAY RATES		
	CURRENT AMOUNT	FROM 4 APRIL 2021
Statutory Maternity Pay - standard rate	£151.20 per week	£151.97 per week
Statutory Paternity Pay - standard rate	£151.20 per week	£151.97 per week
Statutory Adoption Pay - standard rate	£151.20 per week	£151.97 per week
Shared Parental Pay	£151.20 per week	£151.97 per week
SICK PAY RATES		
	CURRENT AMOUNT	FROM 6 APRIL 2021
Statutory Sick Pay - standard rate	£95.85 per week	£96.35 per week

ACCRUAL OF EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

QUALIFYING PERIOD Day 1

- Protection against UNFAIR DISMISSAL for various reasons including:
 - Pregnancy/childbirth and maternity, adoption, paternity, parental and shared parental leave;
 - Undertaking activities aimed at improving health and safety;
 - Refusal to work on Sundays;
 - Assertion of rights under Working Time Regulations;
 - Performance of duties as trustee of occupational pension scheme;
 - Performance of functions as employee representative;
 - Making a protected disclosure;
 - Assertion of statutory rights, including right to National Minimum Wage and right to certain tax credits;
 - Claim for union recognition;
 - Trade union reason;
 - Part-time worker or fixed term employee status.
- 52 weeks maternity or adoption leave for employees regardless of their length of service
- Protection against DISCRIMINATION on grounds of Sex, Race, Religion or belief, Sexual orientation, Disability, Age, Gender reassignment, Marriage and civil partnership, Pregnancy and maternity
- A written statement of particulars of employment to be issued to all 'workers'

QUALIFYING PERIOD 1 month

- At least one week's notice of termination of contract
- Guarantee payment in case of lack of work
- Payment of salary during suspension on medical grounds for health and safety reasons
- Right not to be dismissed on medical grounds for health and safety reasons

QUALIFYING PERIOD 26 Weeks

- Two weeks' paid paternity leave within 56 days of birth or adoption ('ordinary paternity leave')
- 6 weeks maternity or adoption pay at 90% of employee's salary and 33 weeks at the standard SMP/SAP rates
- 39 weeks Shared Parental Pay (less any weeks of SMP, MA or SAP)
- Right to request time off to train (where employer has 250 or more employees)
- Right to request flexible working

QUALIFYING PERIOD 2 Years

- Right to receive a statutory redundancy payment
- Protection from unfair dismissal for reasons other than those listed above

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