

# Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974

# CHAPTER 52

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# Repeal of Industrial Relations Act 1971

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21 (1) Regulations (in this Part of this Schedule referred to...

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22 The Arbitration Act 1950 shall not apply to any proceedings...

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23 Where in accordance with the regulations an industrial tribunal determines...

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24 Any person may appear before an industrial tribunal in person...

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30 (1) The provisions of Schedule 1 to the Contracts of...

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31 (1) Regulations may make provision— (a) for enabling members of...

Restrictions on contracting out[Section 161]

32 (1) Except as provided by sub-paragraph (2) below, any provision...

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33 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, the...

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PART I — ANNUAL RETURNS, AND QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, AND FUNCTIONS, OF AUDITORS

#### Annual returns

- 1 (1) Subject to paragraph 5 below, the annual return of...
- 2 Every annual return shall contain— (a) revenue accounts indicating the...
- 3 Every revenue account, every balance sheet and every other account...
- 4 Every return, in addition to containing the accounts mentioned in...
- 5 The Registrar, if in any particular case he considers it...

#### Qualifications of auditors

- 6 Subject to paragraphs 7 to 9 below, a person shall...
- 7 Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 6 above, a Scottish firm may...
- 8 A person who is not qualified under paragraph 6 above...
- 9 (1) Two or more persons who are not qualified under...
- 10 (1) None of the following persons shall act as auditor...

#### Appointment and removal of auditors

- 11 The rules of every trade union and every employers' association...
- 12 Notwithstanding anything in the rules of a trade union or...
- 13 (1) Notwithstanding anything in the rules of a trade union...
- 14 Regulations may make provision as to the procedure to be...
- 15 (1) Where any regulations made under paragraph 14 above require...

#### Auditor's right of access to books and information and right to be heard at meetings

- 16 Every auditor of a trade union or an employers' association-...
- 17 Every auditor of a trade union or an employers' association...

#### Auditors' reports

- 18 The auditor or auditors of a trade union or an...
- 19 The report shall state whether, in the opinion of the...
- 20 It shall be the duty of the auditor or auditors,...
- 21 If an auditor fails to obtain all the information and...
- 22 In this Part of this Schedule " accounting period ",... PART II — MEMBERS' SUPERANNUATION SCHEMES

#### *Examination of superannuation schemes*

- 23 Subject to paragraphs 29 to 31 below, every trade union...
- 24 Where a members' superannuation scheme to which paragraph 23 above...
- 25 The report made by the actuary on the results of...
- 26 A copy of any report made by an actuary under...
- 27 Subject to paragraphs 30 and 31 below, no trade union...
- A copy of any report made to a trade union...
- 29 Where on the application of a trade union or employers'...
- 30 The Registrar, on the application of a trade union or...
- 31 The Registrar may at any time revoke any exemption granted...

#### Periodical re-examination of schemes

- 32 (1) Where a trade union or employers' association for the...
- 33 The provisions of paragraphs 24 to 26 and paragraph 28...

Separate fund for members' superannuation scheme

- 34 After the commencement of this Part of this Schedule no...
- 35 After the end of the period of five years beginning...

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36 In this Part of this Schedule— (a) " members' superannuation...

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The Conspiracy, and Protection of Property Act 1875 (c. 86)

1 In section 3 of the Conspiracy, and Protection of Property...

The Trade Union Act 1913 (2 & 3 Geo. 5. c. 30)

2 (1) The Trade Union Act 1913 shall be amended in...

The Industrial Courts Act 1919 (c. 69)

3 In sections 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9, for the...

The Road Haulage Wages Act 1938 (c. 44)

4 In section 15(1) of the Road Haulage Wages Act 1938,...

The Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act 1948 (c. 39)

5 (1) The Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act 1948 shall...

The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957 (c. 20)

6 (1) In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House...

The Insurance Companies Act 1958 (c. 72)

7 In section 1 of the Insurance Companies Act 1958, after...

The Terms and Conditions of Employment Act 1959 (c. 26)

8 In section 8(2) of the Terms and Conditions of Employment...

The Wages Councils Act 1959 (c. 69)

9 (1) The Wages Councils Act 1959 shall be amended in...

The Trade Union (Amalgamations, etc.) Act 1964 (c. 24)

10 (1) The Trade Union (Amalgamations, etc.) Act 1964 shall be...

The Trade Union (Amalgamations etc) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 2) (N.I.)

11 For section 9(2) of the Trade Union (Amalgamations etc.) Act...

The Companies Act 1967 (c. 81)

12 In section 60(1) of the Companies Act 1967 for the...

The Insurance Companies Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (c. 6) (N.I.)

13 (1) The Insurance Companies Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 shall be...

The Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (c. 36)

14 In section 42 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970, in...

The Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 (c. 62)

15 Section 13 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1971 (which,...

The Contracts of Employment Act 1972 (c. 53)

16 In section 4(2) of the Contracts of Employment Act 1972,...

The Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act 1972 (c.59)

17 In section 3(3) of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act...

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- 1 Schedule 1 to this Act shall apply to dismissals where...
- 2 Subject to any provision to the contrary contained in section...
- 3 Parts III and IV of Schedule 1 to this Act...
- 4 As respects proceedings pending in the National Industrial Relations Court...
- 5 Schedule 2 to this Act shall apply to a trade...
- 6 (1) In so far as anything done or treated as...
- 7 Any enactment or document which refers, whether specifically or by...
- 8 Nothing in this Schedule shall be construed as prejudicing section...

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