

Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 44

PART II

RIGHTS ARISING IN COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT

Time off work

Provisions as to industrial tribunals

- (1) An industrial tribunal shall not consider—
 - (a) a complaint under section 27, 28 or 29 that an employer has failed to permit an employee to take time off; or
 - (b) a complaint under section 27 that an employer has failed to pay an employee the whole or part of any amount required to be paid under that section;

unless it is presented within three months of the date when the failure occurred or within such further period as the tribunal considers reasonable in a case where it is satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint to be presented within the period of three months.

- (2) Where an industrial tribunal finds any complaint mentioned in subsection (1)(a) well-founded, the tribunal shall make a declaration to that effect and may make an award of compensation to be paid by the employer to the employee which shall be of such amount as the tribunal considers just and equitable in all the circumstances having regard to the employer's default in failing to permit time off to be taken by the employee and to any loss sustained by the employee which is attributable to the matters complained of.
- (3) Where on a complaint under section 27 an industrial tribunal finds that the employer has failed to pay the employee the whole or part of the amount required to be paid under that section, the tribunal shall order the employer to pay the employee the amount which it finds due to him.