

Employment Rights Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 18

PART X

UNFAIR DISMISSAL

CHAPTER I

RIGHT NOT TO BE UNFAIRLY DISMISSED

Exclusion of right

109 Upper age limit.

- (1) Section 94 does not apply to the dismissal of an employee if on or before the effective date of termination he has attained—
 - (a) in a case where—
 - (i) in the undertaking in which the employee was employed there was a normal retiring age for an employee holding the position held by the employee, and
 - (ii) the age was the same whether the employee holding that position was a man or a woman,

that normal retiring age, and

- (b) in any other case, the age of sixty-five.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if—
 - ^{F1}(a)
 - [F2(aa) subsection (1) of section 98B (read with subsection (2) of that section) applies,]
 - [F3(b) subsection (1) of section 99 (read with any regulations made under that section) applies,]

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- (c) subsection (1) of section 100 (read with subsections (2) and (3) of that section) applies,
- (d) subsection (1) of section 101 (read with subsection (2) of that section) or subsection (3) of that section applies,
- [F4(dd) section 101A applies,]
 - (e) section 102 applies,
 - (f) section 103 applies,
- [F5(ff) section 103A applies,]
 - (g) subsection (1) of section 104 (read with subsections (2) and (3) of that section) applies, ^{F6}...
- [F7(gg) subsection (1) of section 104A (read with subsection (2) of that section) applies, F8...]
- [F9(gh) subsection (1) of section 104B (read with subsection (2) of that section) applies, F10...]
- [F11(gi) section 104C applies,]
 - (h) section 105 applies. F12[F13...
 - (hh) paragraph (3) or (6) of regulation 28 of the Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 1999 (read with paragraphs (4) and (7) of that regulation) applies.] F14 F15...
 - (i) paragraph (1) of regulation 7 of the Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 applies.]^{F16}[F17...
 - (j) paragraph (1) of regulation 6 of the Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 applies.]

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- (k) paragraph (3) or (6) of regulation 42 of the European Public Limited-Liability Company Regulations 2004 applies.]
- (1) paragraph (3) or (6) of regulation 30 of the Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 2004 (read with paragraphs (4) and (7) of that regulation) applies.]

Textual Amendments

- F1 S. 109(2)(a) repealed (15.12.1999) by 1999 c. 26, ss. 9, 44, Sch. 4 Pt. III para. 19, Sch. 9(2); S.I. 1999/2830, art. 2(1)-(3), Sch. 1 Pt. II, Sch. 2 Pt. II (with transitional provisions in Sch. 3 paras. 10, 11)
- F2 S. 109(2)(aa) inserted (6.4.2005) by Employment Relations Act 2004 (c. 24), ss. 40(7), 59(2)-(4); S.I. 2005/872, arts. 4, 5, Sch. (subject to arts. 6-12)
- F3 S. 109(2)(b) substituted (6.4.2005) by Employment Relations Act 2004 (c. 24), ss. 57(1), 59(2)-(4), Sch. 1 para. 33; S.I. 2005/872, arts. 4, 5, Sch. (subject to arts. 6-12)
- F4 S. 109(2)(dd) inserted (1.10.1998) by S.I. 1998/1833, reg. 32(4)
- F5 S. 109(2)(ff) inserted (2.7.1999) by 1998 c. 23, s. 7(2); S.I. 1999/1547, art. 2
- **F6** Word in s. 109(2)(g) repealed (1.11.1998) by 1998 c. 39, ss. 25(4), 53, **Sch. 3**; S.I. 1998/2574, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- F7 S. 109(2)(gg) inserted (1.11.1998) by 1998 c. 39, s. 25(4); S.I. 1998/2574, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3)
- F8 Word in s. 109(2)(gg) repealed (5.10.1999) by 1999 c. 10, ss. 7, 19(4), 20(2), Sch. 3 para. 3(4), Sch. 6
- F9 S. 109(2)(gh) inserted (5.10.1999) by 1999 c. 10, ss. 7, 20(2), Sch. 3 para. 3(4) (which amending Act was repealed (in part on 27.8.2002 and 4.12.2002, otherwise prosp.) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), s. 60, Sch. 6; S.I. 2002/1727, art. 2) and insertion continued (1.9.2002 for certain purposes, otherwise prosp.) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), s. 27, Sch. 1 para. 3(4); S.I. 2002/1727, art. 2
- F10 Word in s. 109(2)(gh) omitted (15.1.2000) by virtue of S.I. 1999/3323, reg. 29(3)

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- F11 S. 109(2)(gi) inserted (6.4.2005) by Employment Relations Act 2004 (c. 24), ss. 41(6), 59(2)-(4); S.I. 2005/872, arts. 4, 5, Sch. (subject to arts. 6-12)
- **F12** Word at the end of s. 109(2)(h) omitted (1.7.2000) by virtue of S.I. 2000/1551, reg. 10, **Sch. para. 2(3)** (with regs. 12-17)
- F13 S. 109(2)(hh) and preceding word inserted (15.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3323, reg. 29(3)
- F14 Word in s. 109(2)(hh) repealed (1.10.2002) by The Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2034), reg. 11, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 3(12) (with regs. 13-20 and subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 2 Pt. 2)
- F15 S. 109(2)(i) and the word "or" preceding it inserted (1.7.2000) by S.I. 2000/1551, reg. 10, Sch. para. 2(3) (with regs. 12-17)
- F16 Word in s. 109(2)(i) repealed (8.10.2004) by The European Public Limited-Liability Company Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2326), regs. 1(2), 43(3)(a)
- F17 S. 109(2)(j) and preceding word inserted (1.10.2002) by The Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2034), reg. 11, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 3(12) (with regs. 13-20 and subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 2 Pt. 2)
- **F18** Word in s. 109(2)(j) repealed (6.4.2005) by The Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3426), regs. 1(1), **31(3)(a)** (with reg. 3)
- F19 S. 109(2)(k) and the preceding word "or" inserted (8.10.2004) by The European Public Limited-Liability Company Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/2326), regs. 1(2), 43(3)(b)
- F20 S. 109(2)(1) and the preceding word "or" inserted (6.4.2005) by The Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/3426), regs. 1(1), 31(3)(b) (with reg. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 S. 109 excluded (4.9.2000) by 1999 c. 26, s. 12(4), (with ss. 14, 15); S.I. 2000/2242, art. 2 S. 109 excluded (6.6.2000) by 1992 c. 52, s. 70A, Sch. A1 para. 164 (as inserted (6.6.2000) by 1999 c. 26, s. 1, Sch. 1; S.I. 2000/1338, art. 2(a))
- C2 S. 109(1) excluded by 1992 c. 52, s. 154 (as substituted (6.4.2005) by Employment Relations Act 2004 (c. 24), ss. 35, 59(2)-(4); S.I. 2005/872, arts. 4, 5, Sch. (subject to arts. 6-12))

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