



Employment Rights Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 18

PART VI

TIME OFF WORK

[^{F1}Dependants

^{F2}^{F1} **57B** **Complaint to employment tribunal.**

- (1) An employee may present a complaint to an employment tribunal that his employer has unreasonably refused to permit him to take time off as required by section 57A.
 - (2) An employment tribunal shall not consider a complaint under this section unless it is presented—
 - (a) before the end of the period of three months beginning with the date when the refusal occurred, or
 - (b) 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 before the end of that period of three months.
- [Section 207A(3) (extension because of mediation in certain European cross-border ^{F3}(2A) disputes) [^{F4}and section 207B (extension of time limits to facilitate conciliation before institution of proceedings) apply] for the purposes of subsection (2)(a).]
- (3) Where an employment tribunal finds a complaint under subsection (1) well-founded, it—
 - (a) shall make a declaration to that effect, and
 - (b) may make an award of compensation to be paid by the employer to the employee.
 - (4) The amount of compensation shall be such as the tribunal considers just and equitable in all the circumstances having regard to—
 - (a) the employer's default in refusing to permit time off to be taken by the employee, and

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- (b) any loss sustained by the employee which is attributable to the matters complained of.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 57A, 57B and heading inserted (15.12.1999) by 1999 c. 26, s. 8, **Sch. 4 Pt. II**; S.I. 1999/2830, art. 2(2), **Sch. 1 Pt. II**
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