
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1833

The Working Time Regulations 1998

PART II E+W+S

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING WORKING TIME

Weekly rest period E+W+S

11.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), [^{F1}a worker] is entitled to an uninterrupted rest period of not less than 24 hours in each seven-day period during which he works for his employer.

(2) If his employer so determines, [^{F1}a worker] shall be entitled to either—

- (a) two uninterrupted rest periods each of not less than 24 hours in each 14-day period during which he works for his employer; or
- (b) one uninterrupted rest period of not less than 48 hours in each such 14-day period,

in place of the entitlement provided for in paragraph (1).

(3) Subject to paragraph (8), a young worker is entitled to a rest period of not less than 48 hours in each seven-day period during which he works for his employer.

(4) For the purpose of paragraphs (1) to (3), a seven-day period or (as the case may be) 14-day period shall be taken to begin—

- (a) at such times on such days as may be provided for for the purposes of this regulation in a relevant agreement; or
- (b) where there are no provisions of a relevant agreement which apply, at the start of each week or (as the case may be) every other week.

(5) In a case where, in accordance with paragraph (4), 14-day periods are to be taken to begin at the start of every other week, the first such period applicable in the case of a particular worker shall be taken to begin—

- (a) if the worker's employment began on or before the date on which these Regulations come into force, on 5th October 1998; or
- (b) if the worker's employment begins after the date on which these Regulations come into force, at the start of the week in which that employment begins.

(6) For the purposes of paragraphs (4) and (5), a week starts at midnight between Sunday and Monday.

(7) The minimum rest period to which [^{F2}a worker] is entitled under paragraph (1) or (2) shall not include any part of a rest period to which the worker is entitled under regulation 10(1), except where this is justified by objective or technical reasons or reasons concerning the organization of work.

(8) The minimum rest period to which a young worker is entitled under paragraph (3)—

- (a) may be interrupted in the case of activities involving periods of work that are split up over the day or are of short duration; and

- (b) may be reduced where this is justified by technical or organization reasons, but not to less than 36 consecutive hours.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 11(1)(2) substituted (6.4.2003) by [The Working Time \(Amendment\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/3128\)](#), regs. 1, **12**
- F2** Words in reg. 11(7) substituted (6.4.2003) by [The Working Time \(Amendment\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/3128\)](#), regs. 1, **12**
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [Reg. 11](#) applied (1.4.2024) by [The Agricultural Wages \(Wales\) Order 2024 \(S.I. 2024/390\)](#), arts. 1, **30**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Working Time Regulations 1998, Section 11.