



Employment Rights Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 18

PART X

UNFAIR DISMISSAL

CHAPTER I

RIGHT NOT TO BE UNFAIRLY DISMISSED

Dismissal

95 Circumstances in which an employee is dismissed.

- (1) For the purposes of this Part an employee is dismissed by his employer if (and, subject to subsection (2) ^{F1} . . . , only if)—
- (a) the contract under which he is employed is terminated by the employer (whether with or without notice),
 - ^{F2}(b) he is employed under a limited-term contract and that contract terminates by virtue of the limiting event without being renewed under the same contract, or]
 - (c) the employee terminates the contract under which he is employed (with or without notice) in circumstances in which he is entitled to terminate it without notice by reason of the employer's conduct.
- (2) An employee shall be taken to be dismissed by his employer for the purposes of this Part if—
- (a) the employer gives notice to the employee to terminate his contract of employment, and
 - (b) at a time within the period of that notice the employee gives notice to the employer to terminate the contract of employment on a date earlier than the date on which the employer's notice is due to expire;

and the reason for the dismissal is to be taken to be the reason for which the employer's notice is given.

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Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** Words in s. 95(1) repealed (6.4.2005) by [Employment Relations Act 2004 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. 57(1)(2), 59(2)-(4), Sch. 1 para. 29, **Sch. 2**; S.I. 2005/872, **arts. 4, 5**, Sch. (subject to arts. 6-12)
- F2** S. 95(1)(b) substituted (1.10.2002) by virtue of [The Fixed-term Employees \(Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2034\)](#), reg. 11, **Sch. 2 Pt. 1 para. 3(7)** (with regs. 13-20 and subject to transitional provisions in [Sch. 2 Pt. 2](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 95(1)(c) restricted (6.4.2006 with application in accordance with reg. 21(1) of the amending S.I.) by [The Transfer of Undertakings \(Protection of Employment\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/246\)](#), regs. 1(2), **10(3)(b)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 8(2)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2018/147 art. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 43K(1)(ca) and word omitted by [2013 c. 24 s. 20\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 43K(1)(ba) by S.I. 2006/1056, Sch. para. 7 is to come into force on the day on which 2005 asp 13, s. 20 comes into force and that provision has never been brought into force)
- s. 43K(2)(ba) omitted by [2013 c. 24 s. 20\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 43K(1)(ba) by S.I. 2006/1056, Sch. para. 7 is to come into force on the day on which 2005 asp 13, s. 20 comes into force and that provision has never been brought into force)
- s. 47AA inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 37](#)
- s. 49C inserted by [2017 c. 16 s. 32\(4\)](#)
- s. 50(2)(i)-(k) inserted by [S.I. 2018/665 art. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 101B inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 38](#)
- s. 105(4B) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 39\(3\)](#)
- s. 108(3)(de) inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 39\(4\)](#)
- s. 110(3A) inserted by [2002 c. 22 s. 44](#)