
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1919

The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART XI

UNFAIR DISMISSAL

CHAPTER I

RIGHT NOT TO BE UNFAIRLY DISMISSED

[^{F1}Other Dismissals]

^{X1}**[^{F1}Procedural fairness**

130A.—(1) An employee who is dismissed shall be regarded for the purposes of this Part as unfairly dismissed if—

- (a) one of the procedures set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (dismissal and disciplinary procedures) applies in relation to the dismissal,
- (b) the procedure has not been completed, and
- (c) the non-completion of the procedure is wholly or mainly attributable to failure by the employer to comply with its requirements.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1), failure by an employer to follow a procedure in relation to the dismissal of an employee shall not be regarded for the purposes of Article 130(4)(a) as by itself making the employer's action unreasonable if he shows that he would have decided to dismiss the employee if he had followed the procedure.

(3) For the purposes of this Article, any question as to the application of a procedure set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, completion of such a procedure or failure to comply with the requirements of such a procedure shall be determined by reference to regulations under Article 17 of that Order.]

Editorial Information

X1 The insertion of the new arts. 130ZA-130ZH preceded by new "Retirement" crossheading and followed by new "Other Dismissals" crossheading on 1.10.2006 gives rise to a change in the structure of this Order on legislation.gov.uk which breaks the continuity of historical versions of the existing provisions which are brought under new "Other Dismissals" crossheading

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Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- art.126-169 (Pt.1) (defn. of dismissal) applied by [1998 c. 39 s.23\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Pre-2006 basedate NI non-textual amendment)

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

- Act applied with modifications by [S.R. 2023/156 reg. 15](#)

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

- Pt. 7A inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 1](#)
- Ch. 5 inserted by [2022 c. 27 \(N.I.\) s. 1\(1\)](#)
- art. 21(4B) inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 2](#)
- art. 23(1)(zza) inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 3](#)
- art. 70F inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 4](#)
- art. 70G inserted by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 7 para. 20](#)
- art. 71(1C) inserted by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 7 para. 21\(a\)](#)
- art. 72(8) inserted by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 7 para. 22\(b\)](#)
- art. 85ZS(3)(a)-(c) substituted for words by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 47\(4\)](#)
- art. 95F(5A) inserted by [2016 c. 15 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 32](#)
- art. 135E inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 6](#)
- art. 135G inserted by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 7 para. 25](#)
- art. 137(6D) inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 7](#)
- art. 137(7N) inserted by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 7 para. 26\(b\)](#)
- art. 140(3)(fj) inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 8](#)
- art. 140(3)(fl) inserted by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 7 para. 27](#)
- art. 143(2)(ddd) inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 9](#)
- art. 144(2)(ddd) inserted by [2011 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 Pt. 2 para. 10](#)