

#### **Employment Law Series**

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#### Agenda

Requirement to Issue Written Terms of Employment

Probationary Periods

**Training** 

**Dual Employment** 

**Unpredictable Working Conditions** 

#### Written Terms of Employment

#### **Notification Requirements**

Written Statement of Terms of
Employment under the
Terms of Employment
(Information) Act 1994 and the
Employment (Miscellaneous)
Provisions Act 2018

Two separate timeframes:
5 days
or
1 month
(previously 2 months)

Not required to provide existing employees with revised written terms unless requested

Retain evidence of providing the mandatory terms

#### New Mandatory Terms of Employment

Training entitlements

Further detail on remuneration

No fixed or main place of work

Title or brief job description

Hours of work and overtime

Unpredictable work pattern

#### **Probationary Periods**

## Permanent Contracts

- Maximum 6-month probationary period
- Extend to a maximum 12-month period on an exceptional basis and in the interests of the employee
- Employer must extend probationary period where employee on protective leave during this time, e.g. maternity leave, statutory sick leave, parental leave

Fixed-Term Contracts

- Employer to decide the duration
- Duration to be proportionate to length of contract and nature of the work
- No new probationary period when contract renewed for same work
- Employer must extend the probationary period where employee is on protective leave during this time, e.g. maternity leave, statutory sick leave, parental leave

#### **Training**

Free of charge

Count as working time

Take place during work hours

#### **Dual Employment**

No Prohibition

 In general, employers cannot prohibit employees from taking up additional employment outside of their work schedules

No Penalisation

 Employees should not suffer adverse consequences for taking up additional employment

Restriction on Dual Employment

- Any restriction must be proportionate and based on objective grounds
- Objective grounds include protection of business confidentiality, avoidance of conflicts of interest, safeguarding productive and safe working conditions, etc.

# Unpredictable Working Conditions

Right to Request Transfer to Employment with More Predictable and Secure Working Conditions

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Employee has at least 6 months continuous service and has passed probation



Employee can only submit one request in a 12 month period



Employer must provide reasoned written reply within 1 month of request

Advance Notice of Working Time



Notify employee of working hours within 24 hours of the first day of work or the proposed day in each week required to work



Failure to notify means employee has right to refuse to work during those hours



Employee cannot suffer adverse consequences for refusing to work

#### **Action Points**

Review template contracts

Review use of probationary periods and controls to monitor and assess performance

Review workplace training requirements

Ensure employees receive notice of working hours

Be prepared to provide existing employees with written statement of new terms where requested Global Presence **ABU DHABI BERMUDA BOSTON BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS CAYMAN ISLANDS** DELAWARE DUBAI DUBLIN **HONG KONG JERSEY** LONDON LUXEMBOURG **MONTREAL NETHERLANDS NEW YORK SINGAPORE** 

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