

U.K. Employment Fact Sheet 2022

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Maximum Compensation Limits From 6 April 2022

Unfair dismissal maximum award*	£111,008
Basic award*	£17;130
- Compensatory award*	£93,878 or 52 weeks' gross pay, if lower
Statutory redundancy pay*	£17;130
Failure to inform or consult about TUPE transfer	13 weeks' gross pay
Failure to inform or consult about collective redundancies	90 days' gross pay per dismissed employee
Discrimination	Uncapped
Whistleblowing	Uncapped
Limit on a week's pay*	£571

^{*}Figures are for Great Britain only. Different figures apply in Northern Ireland.

Family Leave From 3 April 2022

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Sickness From 6 April 2022

Statutory sick pay £99.35 per week

National Minimum Wage From 1 April 2022

Aged 23 and above (National Living Wage)	£9.50 per hour
Aged 21 to 22 inclusive	£9.18 per hour
Aged 18 to 20 inclusive	£6.83 per hour
Aged under 18 (but above compulsory school leaving age)	£4.81 per hour
Apprentices	£4.81 per hour