



# Employment Agencies Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 35

### *Conduct of employment agencies and employment businesses*

#### **6 Restriction on charging persons seeking employment, etc.**

- [<sup>F1</sup>(1) Except in such cases or classes of case as the Secretary of State may prescribe—
- (a) a person carrying on an employment agency shall not request or directly or indirectly receive any fee from any person for providing services (whether by the provision of information or otherwise) for the purpose of finding him employment or seeking to find him employment;
  - (b) a person carrying on an employment business shall not request or directly or indirectly receive any fee from an employee for providing services (whether by the provision of information or otherwise) for the purpose of finding or seeking to find another person, with a view to the employee acting for and under the control of that other person;
  - (c) a person carrying on an employment business shall not request or directly or indirectly receive any fee from a second person for providing services (whether by the provision of information or otherwise) for the purpose of finding or seeking to find a third person, with a view to the second person becoming employed by the first person and acting for and under the control of the third person.]
- (2) Any person who contravenes this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable [<sup>F2</sup>—
- (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine;
  - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 6(1) substituted (6.4.2004) by [Employment Relations Act 1999 \(c. 26\), s. 45\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 3; S.I. 2003/3357, art. 3](#)

**F2** Words in s. 6(2) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Employment Act 2008 \(c. 24\), ss. 15, 22\(1\)\(e\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Employment Agencies Act 1973, Section 6 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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- s. 9(4)(a)(iv) words repealed by 1999 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 4(6)Sch. 9(8)