



Information Session

DEPARTMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS (DIER)





Who are we?

- Department for Industrial and Employment Relations
- •Regulatory body for employment law and industrial relations.
- •Protect the interests of parties in employment
- Promote good employment practices.



- Dissemination of information
- •Advice about employment rights and obligations
- Enforcement of employment law
- Facilitation of industrial relations.



DIER has two freephones to assist employees and employers with queries;

.1575 for employees,

.1576 for employers.



•We assist employees who have not been paid their wages, statutory bonuses, vacation leave and other types of leaves according to the applicable regulations.

•Employees may open a case with the DIER.

•We investigate complaints lodged by employees who wish to remain anonymous.

Confidentiality is respected.



Some examples of alleged irregularities might relate to:

- Incorrect pay below that stipulated in employment contract and/or below minimum
- •incorrect pay of statutory bonuses
- •absence of payslips
- •matters in relation to vacation leave, sick leave, injury leave, maternity leave etc
- •matters in relation to equal pay for same work carried out



Who can access our services?

- .Employees
- Employees' reps/unions
- **Employers**
- .Employers' Associations

Employment may be both on a full time or part time basis.

Employee may approach the Department both if he/she is still employed or is no longer employed in that particular job. (in the latter prescription date applies)



Other services

- Issuing of fines permits for companies;
- Issuing permits to companies to be able to implement banking of hours policies;
- Providing a conciliatory platform to resolve disputes between employees and employers;
 Coordinating processes in order to verify union representation at a workplace;
- •Registration of a trade union;
- •Registration of employment agencies;
- •Malta's focal point at EU, ELA, ILO and Eurofound.



What is needed to make use of our services?

Anyone who needs to open a claim

- Contract of employment;
- •Payslips;
- Copies of cheques;
- Bank statements;
- •Info re Location of Work;
- •Info re Employer;
- Correspondence with the employer;
- •Any notes kept by the employee about the hours of work;
- •Employment History (available online from JobsPlus)



What is needed to make use of our services?

When lodging an anonymous complaint or opening a claim, the complainant should be able to provide;

- Accurate information about the name of the employer.
- The site where the work is or was carried out.
- Accurate information helps in providing better evidence of the case.

