



# Employment Tribunals Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 17

### <sup>F1</sup>PART I

#### [<sup>F1</sup>EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS]

##### *Membership etc.*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>5C Oaths

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to a person (“the appointee”)—
  - (a) who is appointed—
    - (i) as President of the Employment Tribunals (England and Wales),
    - (ii) as President of the Employment Tribunals (Scotland), or
    - (iii) as a member of a panel (as defined in section 5B(4)), and
  - (b) who has not previously taken the required oaths after accepting another office.
- (2) The appointee must take the required oaths before—
  - (a) the Senior President of Tribunals, or
  - (b) an eligible person who is nominated by the Senior President of Tribunals for the purpose of taking the oaths from the appointee.
- (3) If the appointee is a President or panel member appointed before the coming into force of this section, the requirement in subsection (2) applies in relation to the appointee from the coming into force of this section.
- (4) A person is eligible for the purposes of subsection (2)(b) if one or more of the following paragraphs applies to him—
  - (a) he holds high judicial office (as defined in section 60(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005);
  - (b) he holds judicial office (as defined in section 109(4) of that Act);
  - (c) he holds (in Scotland) the office of sheriff.
- (5) In this section “the required oaths” means—

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- (a) the oath of allegiance, and
  - (b) the judicial oath,
- as set out in the Promissory Oaths Act 1868.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 5A-5D inserted (3.11.2008) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 48(1), 148, [Sch. 8 para. 40](#); S.I. 2008/2696, art. 5(c)(i) (with art. 3)

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- s. 7B(A1) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)](#)
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