

Ireland

Definition of collective dismissal

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Description

The act requires the following criteria for a definition of collective redundancy: at least 5 redundancies in an establishment employing 21-49 employees; at least 10 redundancies in an establishment employing 50-99 employees; at least 10% of employees made redundant in an establishment employing 100 - 299 employees; and at least 30 redundancies in an establishment that employs 300 or more people.

For the purpose of calculating the number of redundancies where the number of dismissals is at least 10 in an establishment normally employing more than 20 and fewer than 100 employees, terminations of a contract of employment which occur to the individual workers concerned shall be assimilated to redundancies provided there are at least 5 redundancies.

The definition of 'establishment' means an employer or a company or a subsidiary company or a company within a group of companies which can independently effect redundancies.

Civil servants, seamen, and fixed-term employees dismissed due to the expiry of their designated fixed-term contract are excluded from the application of the act.

Commentary

No information available.

Additional metadata

Cost covered by	None
Involved actors other than national government	National government
Involvement (others)	None
Thresholds	Affected employees: 5 Company size: 21 Additional information: No, applicable in all circumstances

Sources

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