

## Making a claim to an employment tribunal

You might be able to make a claim to an employment tribunal if you have a problem at work that has not been resolved.

Before you make a claim, it's a good idea to explore all options with your employer about how things can move forward. You can [raise the problem with your employer informally](#), or [formally](#) if that does not work.

### Tell Acas you're making a claim

If you want to make a claim to an employment tribunal, you must [tell Acas first](#). You'll be offered the option of 'early conciliation'. This free service may help you and your employer resolve the issue before you need to make a claim. Making a claim to a tribunal can be time consuming and difficult for everyone involved.

### Employment tribunal fees

You do not have to pay a fee to make a claim to an employment tribunal.

### Time limits

There is normally a time limit for making a claim. For example, if you think your employer should not have made a deduction from your wages, you need to make a claim within 3 months of the deduction.

If you choose early conciliation with Acas, the 'clock stops' (time spent on early conciliation does not count towards the time limit for making a claim).

### More information

You can find out more about employment tribunals from:

- [GOV.UK](#)
- [Citizens Advice](#)