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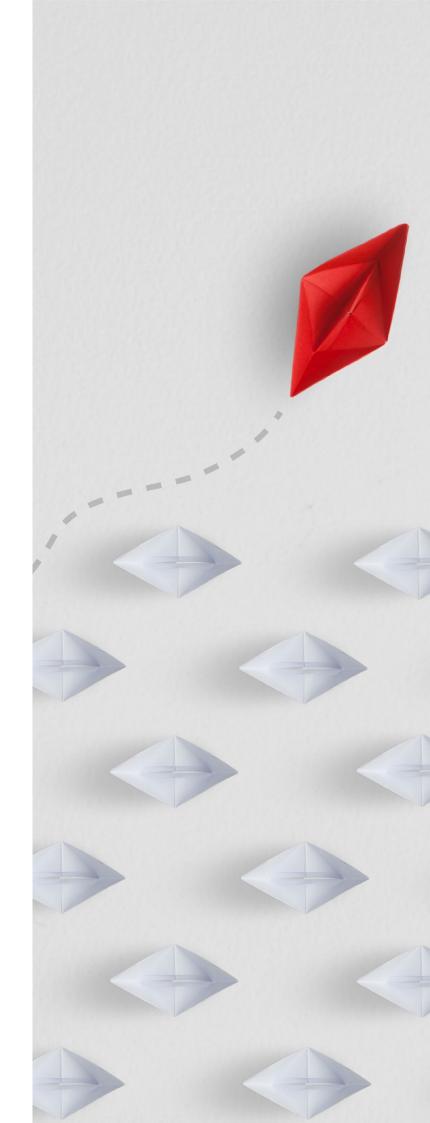
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It is now possible to impose a sanction of prohibition of business activity for up to two years for permitting illegal work.

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# LAW New Employment Agencies Regulations

The new Employment Agencies Regulations will come into force on April 1, 2024 and aim to regulate the labor market and protect the rights of employees in Malta. These Regulations apply to recruitment agencies which recruit persons for employment in or outside of Malta, temporary work agencies and outsourcing agencies. For such agencies to continue operating, the Regulations stipulate that a valid license needs to be acquired until June 2024.

The Regulations also require the agency involved in temporary or outsourcing activities, to provide a bank guarantee, the amount of which depends on the number of employees. Once a license is acquired, this is valid for a period of 1 year and can be renewed every year, for a period not exceeding 2 years. Companies who recruit employees to work for their own business are not affected by these Regulations.

The Regulations also list down the reasons upon which the Director of Employment and Industrial Relations may refuse or revoke a license. These include, amongst others, instances where the agency goes against regulations or license requirements,

whenever its actions are contrary to its objectives, or when it neglects to notify the director of any changes to its operations.

Failure to comply with the provisions of these Regulations can lead to the imposition of fines, the amounts of which range from EUR 5,000 to EUR 30,000.

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#### COURT

Right to a fair hearing in cases of dismissal

In Farrugia vs Schembri, the Industrial Tribunal compared the notion of unfair dismissal with one of the most prominent fundamental principles of natural justice. The Tribunal explained that the right to a fair hearing is to be central in any dispute, ensuring that constitutional rights are adhered to on every level.

In its consideration, the Tribunal delved into the vitality of advising employees prior to initiating disciplinary action against them. It explained that any employer has the duty to inform his employee, by writing, of any misconduct, and give him the opportunity to defend himself from any allegations made in his regard. It continued by insisting that no employee should be put in a position

where he is not able to defend his position appropriately.

The Tribunal stated that the process of dismissing an employee should start with the notification of a charge, in writing, listing any wrong doings, as well as the date and time of the hearing of the disciplinary board. The employee should further be given the opportunity to bring witnesses and be assisted by a person of his choice.

Consequently, the Tribunal decided that the plaintiff's termination was unjust and illegal, based on the fact that her employment was suddenly terminated without her being given the opportunity to present her case, breaching her fundamental right to a fair hearing.

Every employer is required to give an employee written notice of any misconduct and an opportunity to defend himself or herself against any allegations made.



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