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EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES ACT

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An Act to provide for the establishment of Employment Exchanges and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

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1. This Act may be cited as the Employment Exchanges Act.

Short title.

2. In this Act the expression “employment exchange” means any office or place established under this Act and used for the purpose of collecting and furnishing information, either by the keeping of registers or otherwise, respecting employers who desire to engage workpeople and workpeople who seek engagement or employment.

Interpretation.

3. (1) The Minister may establish and maintain employment exchanges in such places as he thinks fit for the purpose of collecting and furnishing information regarding employers requiring workpeople and workpeople seeking engagement or employment.

Establishment
of employment
exchanges.

(2) The Chief Labour Officer shall have the control and general superintendence of all employment exchanges established under this Act.

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Appointment
of officers.

4. There shall be such officers, clerks and servants as are necessary for the proper operation of any employment exchange under this Act.

Expenses.

5. The expenses of establishing and operating employment exchanges in the execution of the provisions of this Act shall be defrayed out of moneys provided from time to time by Parliament for that purpose.

Regulations.

6. The Minister may make regulations—

(a) to regulate the management of employment exchanges;

(b) to authorise the making of advances by way of loan to meet the expenses of workpeople desiring to travel to places where work has been found for them by the employment exchange; to prescribe limits for any such loans and to attach conditions to such advances;

(c) to prescribe the forms and records to be used or kept by employment exchanges; and

(d) generally to give effect to the intention of this Act.

Refusal to
accept
employment.

7. No person shall suffer any disqualification or be otherwise prejudiced on account of his refusal to accept employment found for him through an employment exchange where the ground of his refusal is that a trade dispute which affects his trade exists, or that the wages offered are lower than those current in the trade in the district where the employment was found.

Offences.

8. If any person knowingly makes any false statement or false representation, whether orally or in writing, to any officer of an employment exchange or to any person obtaining information for any employment exchange for the purpose of obtaining employment or procuring workpeople that person shall in respect of each offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.
