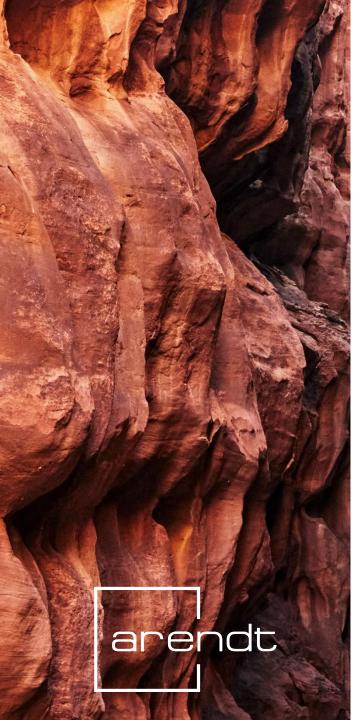


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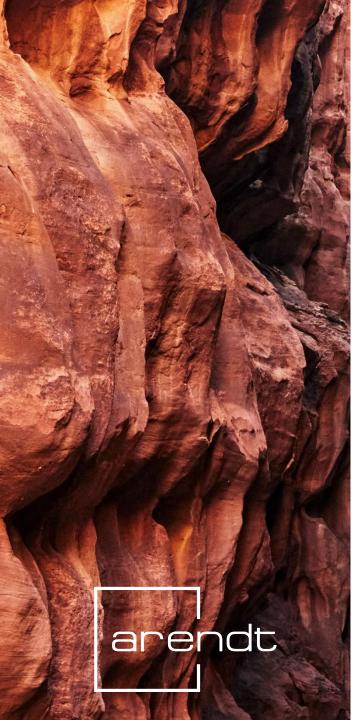
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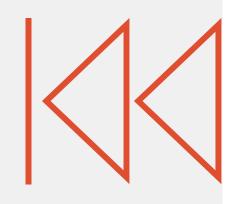


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Introduction: overview of the sources







What is the scope?



Employment contracts (employees)

Apprenticeship contracts (apprentices)

Contracts with pupils and students

Temporary agency contracts (work assignment contracts)

State and municipal civil servants

Outside scope - paid internships, seafarers' employment agreements and self-employed persons



What new clauses are required?



Place of work

•if there is no fixed or primary place of work, the principle according to which the employee will work at several locations and, more specifically, in another country, or will be free to determine their place of work

Overtime

the arrangements for overtime and its remuneration*

Remuneration

•additional benefits that may be agreed between the parties must be "indicated separately" from the basic salary, so as to make a clear distinction between what falls under basic salary and what falls under additional benefits*

End of the contract

•the process to follow, including formal conditions and the notice periods to be respected*

Trial period

the duration and conditions of the trial period*

Training

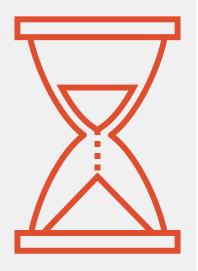
the right to training granted by the employer (if necessary)*

Social security

•name of the competent social security institution(s)*



What information should be provided and within what timeframe?



Within seven days

(basic information)

- Names of the parties
- Employment start date
- Place of work
- Nature of the work (and description of functions/tasks)
- Duration of working day or week and working hours (and, where relevant, the arrangements for shift changes)
- Overtime
- Remuneration
- Trial period

Within one month

- Paid leave
- Termination process
- Collective bargaining agreements
- Social security institutions
- Right to training



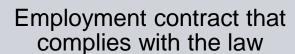
Drafting contracts: paper or electronic? How to send contractual documents?



What is the impact on existing contracts?



New hires



Failing that, ex-post information

Deadline of **seven calendar days** or **one calendar month** to provide missing information, depending on the type of information to be provided

Existing contracts

The employee may request a written version that complies with the new legal provisions

Employers have **two months** to provide this document



Conflict with existing provisions?



Focus on trial period





Avoid a long period of uncertainty



When to agree on the trial period (TP)?
Before the start date? Or in the seven days afterwards?

CDI (permanent contract)

Minimum: 2 weeks

Maximum: **3/6 months**, depending on the level of education

Exception in Directive (EU) 2019/1152

A TP may be longer when this is justified by the **nature of the job** or when it is in **the interest of the worker**

What does Luxembourg law say?

12 months if the gross monthly salary is ≥ EUR 5,062.14 (index 944.43)

Compliance?

CDD (fixedterm contract)

TP in proportion with the duration of the CDD

Minimum: 2 weeks

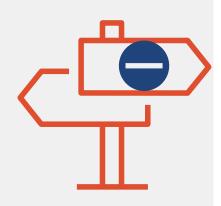
Maximum: ¼ of the duration of the CDD

(i.e. 6 months for a CDD of 24 months)

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Focus on exclusivity clauses



What are exclusivity clauses?

- Contractual provisions that prohibit a worker from taking on a parallel professional activity
- They allow the employer to protect its economic interests and know-how by avoiding any disloyal competition

Prohibited on principle

 Any clause that prohibits an employee from carrying out another employment relationship with one or several employers, outside their normal work hours agreed in the employment contract, will be considered null and void

Broad exceptions

- Holding a parallel job that is incompatible with the following objectives:
 - Occupational health and safety
 - Protecting business confidentiality
 - Preventing conflicts of interest



Right to move from one form of employment to another



Converting a permanent/fixed term contract?

Right to request that a fixed term contract be converted to a permanent contract or vice versa

- After trial period +
- Six months of employment +
- Once every 12 months

Employer obligation

- Modify the contract or
- Provide specific reasons for refusal within one month

Converting full-time/part-time?

Right to request that employment be converted from part-time to full-time and vice versa

- After trial period +
- Six months of employment +
- Once every 12 months

Employer obligation

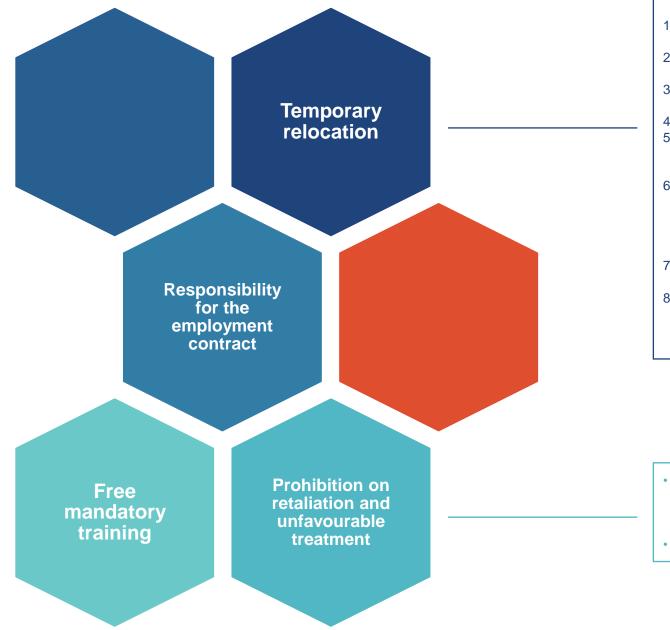
- Modify the contract or
- Provide specific reasons for refusal within one month





Other updates





- 1. Country in which the work abroad is carried out
- 2. Length of time working abroad
- 3. Currency in which the salary is paid
- 4. Remuneration
- 5. Benefits in cash and in kind in relation to the "temporary relocation" (if necessary)
- 6. Allowances specific to posting and any arrangements for reimbursing expenditure on travel, board and lodging
- 7. Conditions governing repatriation (if appropriate)
- 8. Link to the official national website of the host Member State

- Any provision that is contrary to the prohibitions on retaliation will be considered null and void
- Civil actions for damages

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Risks in cases of non-compliance



Non-compliance

(art. L. 121-4 Labour Code)

- Content of the contract
- Form of the contract
- Information to provide
- Temporary relocation
- Modification of the contract
- Right to training

Non-compliance

(art. L. 122-2 and L. 122-10*bis* al. 2 Labour Code)

- Mandatory clauses in a CDD
- Obligations in the event of a request to convert from a CDD to a CDI and vice versa

Non-compliance

(art. L. 123-3bis al. 2 Labour Code)

 Obligations in the event of a request to convert from fulltime to part-time and vice versa



EUR 251 to EUR 5,000 per employee

Repeat offence within 2 years = up to EUR 10,000 (doubled for legal entities)

Legal actions to obtain information

Accelerated remedies before the courts in the event of an unsuccessful formal request



Part-time: an employee is <u>assumed</u> to be employed on a full-time basis if there is no written statement specifying the number and schedule of hours to be worked



Conclusion



Draft employment contracts carefully

Pay attention to other clauses that are mandatory (e.g. data protection) and useful (e.g. intellectual property)

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