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The increases include:

- The limit on a week's pay (used in both the calculations for an unfair dismissal basic award and for statutory redundancy pay) increasing from £538 to £544.
- The compensatory award cap which applies in ordinary unfair dismissal cases increasing from £88,519 to £89,493.
- The minimum basic award for certain unfair dismissals such as some health and safety dismissals will increase from £6,562 to £6,634.

Employers will need to be mindful of the changes, particular in the current climate where redundancies may be taking effect on or after 6 April, to ensure the correct rates are applied.

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