News story: Applications open for employment tribunal fee refunds as scheme rolls out

All those eligible for employment tribunal fee refunds can apply from today, following a successful opening phase of the scheme.

The refund scheme comes after Ministers committed to reimbursing those who had paid employment tribunal fees following a Supreme Court judgment. The court recognised the important role fees can play, but ruled that the government had not struck the right balance in this case.

The opening stage of the phased implementation scheme was launched in October, with around 1,000 people given the chance to complete applications. This first phase has now been successfully completed, and anyone who thinks they may be eligible for a refund can now apply on GOV.UK.

During the creation of the scheme the government has been working with trade unions who have supported large multiple claims potentially involving hundreds of claimants, and ahead of the full launch people were invited to pre-register their interest in applying.

We will continue to work with the unions to ensure those who are eligible are able to claim a refund.