

20 . Regulations and authority

1 . To pass laws

To impose laws

- The government has recently passed new laws relating to health and safety regulations in the workplace .

2 . To introduce regulations / bring in

To make known , put into effect

- These new regulations have been introduced to help factory owners organize workplaces according to the safety standards .
- Last month the legislators brought in a new law that forbids same sex marriage .

3 . To standardize procedure

To make standard

- We need to standardize procedure so there will no more misinterpretations or poor implementations of the law .

4 . To adhere to standards

To follow the standards

- The government will send more inspectors to ensure that employers adhere to the standards .

5 . To carry out a risk assessment

To identify and assess possible risks

- All employers have an obligation to carry out a risk assessment .

6 . To be in breach of the law

To be breaking the law

- Her sister left Marta in breach of the law as the president of the company , by hiding some parts of the revenue from the tax office .

7 . To arrive at or reach an agreement

NOT to ~~get to~~ or ~~find~~ an agreement

- After long weeks of negotiation we finally arrived at an agreement .

8 . To put in an application

To submit an application , to apply for something

- Usually it takes from one to three months after putting in an application for permission to be given .

9 . To tighten controls

To make rules tougher

- The government introduced new legislation which has tightened controls .

10 . To infringe rules or regulations

(formal) break the rules

- The planning officers have to ensure that your plans don't infringe the regulations relating to building in your area.

11 . A planning officer

AKA urban planner , town planner

A planning officer ensures everything is in order when it comes to building stuff .

- Normally a planning officer has a lot of duties including digging into and approving people's building plans .

12 . Faceless bureaucrats

An insult targeting officials , suggesting they lack character

- There is quite a few faceless bureaucrats in every institution .

13 . To exercise authority

To use authority

- Some of the guys there can be way too vigorous about exercising authority .

14 . To cut through the red tape

To deal quickly and effectively with bureaucratic procedures

- While many planning officers will be willing to cut through the red tape for you , you may face more resistance if you approach the wrong one .

15 . To flout the rules

(formal) intentionally break the rules

- They won't help you if they sense that your original intent was to flout the rules .