

## **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 .