



# EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS

**Claimant:** Ms Adelina Melu  
**Respondent:** Cofal Ltd

**Heard at:** Watford Employment Tribunal by CVP  
**On:** 22 July 2026  
**Before:** Employment Judge Alliott

**Representation**  
**Claimant:** In person  
**Respondent:** Mr Metin Cengiz (Managing Director)

## JUDGMENT

The judgment of the tribunal is that:

1. The claimant was automatically unfairly dismissed and discriminated against on the grounds of her sex and pregnancy and maternity by not being permitted to return to work from maternity leave.
2. The respondent is ordered to pay the claimant £10,000 plus £1,177 interest thereon for injury to feelings.

Approved by:

Employment Judge Alliott

Date: 30 July 2026

JUDGMENT SENT TO THE PARTIES ON

7 September 2026

FOR THE TRIBUNAL OFFICE

**Notes**

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