

Ireland's Aer Lingus settles pilot pay row

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Aer Lingus pilots have been on strike over pay.

A long-running row over pay between Irish airline Aer Lingus and pilots that led to hundreds of flight cancellations was settled Tuesday after pilots accepted an 18-percent wage hike.

"This is the greatest pay award seen in 30 years for Aer Lingus [pilots](#),"

the head of the Irish Air Line Pilots' Association (IALPA), Mark Tighe, told public broadcaster RTE.

IALPA had demanded a 24-percent hike to compensate for cost-of-living increases and cumulative inflation since a last pay rise in 2019.

The pilots launched work-to-rule industrial action on June 26 that ran for two weeks, and staged an eight-hour strike on June 29.

Aer Lingus axed 610 flights affecting around 84,000 passengers during the [dispute](#).

The [carrier](#) said the industrial action removed the flexibility the airline needed to fly its summer schedule.

Ireland's Labour Court, a body tasked with resolving industrial disputes, proposed a 17.75 percent pay increase and other measures including changes to pay scales and the termination of a debt owed by pilots to Aer Lingus.

"(The [deal](#)) is a very positive development for intending travelers and the tourism sector," Clare Dunne, chief executive of the Irish Travel Agents Association (ITAA), told RTE.

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