STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2018 No. 172

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018

Made - - - -	*8th October 2018*
Coming into operation	*18th October 2018*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5(1)(a), 165(1) and (4) of Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**)) and now vested in it(**2**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 and shall come into operation on 18th October 2018.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Amendments to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations

2. In Schedule 4 (prescribed times for claiming benefit), to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**4**) in each of the entries (a) to (f) in column 2 relating to paragraph 8(**5**) (social fund payment in respect of maternity expenses) for "3 months" substitute "6 months".

(**1**) 1992 c. 8 (N.I.); section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (SI 1999/671) and section 18(5) of the National Insurance Contributions Act 2014 (c. 7)
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and Section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 1987 No. 465
(**5**) Paragraph 8 was amended by regulation 3(a) of S.R. 2010 No. 378 and regulation 4 of S.R. 2011 No. 130