STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 211

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - -	*1st April 2015*
Coming into operation	*6th April 2015*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 35A(4) and (5) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (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 (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 6th April 2015.

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

Amendment of the Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland)

2.—(1) The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(**4**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation) in paragraph (2) omit the definition of "certificate of small earnings exception".

(3) In regulation 3 (specified payments for self-employed earners)—

(a) in paragraph (a)(**5**) omit "and she does not hold a certificate of small earnings exception in respect of that week"; and

(b) in paragraph (b) for ", where she holds a certificate of small earnings exception" substitute "if she could have paid but has not paid such a contribution".

(**1**) 1992 c. 7; section 35A was inserted by Article 50(3) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)) and was amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the National Insurance Contributions Act 2015 (c. 5). Section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)
(**2**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481
(**3**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 2000 No. 104; relevant amending Regulation is S.R. 2002 No. 354
(**5**) Paragraph (a) was amended by regulation 6(2) of S.R. 2002 No. 354