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STATUTORY MATERNITY PAY

The Statutory Maternity Pay (Health and Social Services Employees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made . . . . . *14th January 1992*

Coming into operation . . *1st April 1992*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 51(2A) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Statutory Maternity Pay (Health and Social Services Employees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1992.

(2) In these regulations—

"the 1986 Order" means the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;

"Health and Social Services Board" means a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**b**).

Treatment of more than one contract of service as one contract

2.—(1) Where, in consequence of the establishment of one or more Health and Social Services trusts under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**c**), a woman's contract of service is treated by a scheme under that Order as divided so as to constitute two or more contracts, she may elect for all of those contracts to be treated as one contract for the purposes of Part VI of the 1986 Order.

(2) An election under paragraph (1) shall be made in writing at least 21 days before the first day on which a woman is going to be absent from work with any of her employers, wholly or partly because of pregnancy, or if in the particular circumstances that is not practicable, as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter.

(**a**) S.I. 1986/1888 (N.I. 18); Article 51(2A) was inserted by Part II of Schedule 5 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1))

(**b**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

(**c**) S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)