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Teachers' Compulsory Absence and Maternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *2nd October* 1978

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The Department(a) of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 57, 58 and 125 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with the Department(a) of Finance as required by Article 57 of the said Order, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Teachers' Compulsory Absence and Maternity Leave (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978, shall be construed as one with the Teachers' Compulsory Absence and Maternity Leave Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(c) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations"), and shall come into operation on 1st November 1978.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. For regulation 6 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted:—

"**6.** A full-time teacher who at least fourteen weeks, or such shorter period as the employing authority may accept, before the week in which the birth is expected to take place informs her employing authority in writing:—

(*a*) of the expected date of birth and the proposed period of absence from duty under regulation 5; and

(*b*) that she intends immediately following the period of absence to resume duty as a full-time teacher for a continuous period of at least thirteen weeks;

shall be granted leave of absence for the period. Such leave of absence is hereinafter referred to as "maternity leave"."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education for Northern Ireland on 2nd October 1978.

(L.S.)

E. J. Kirkpatrick
Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) S.I. 1972/1263 (N.I. 12)
(c) S.R. 1976 No. 323 (II, p. 1644) as amended by S.R. 1977 No. 215 (II, p. 1211)