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CHAPTER 10

CHILD MAINTENANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

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3. For paragraph 2 (basic rate) substitute— (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the basic rate is the...

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4. In the following provisions, for “£5” substitute “ £7 ”...

Applicable rate where non-resident parent party to other maintenance arrangement

5. (1) In paragraph 1(1) (under which the weekly rate of...

Shared care

6. In paragraph 7(2) (circumstances in which decrease for shared care...
7. In paragraph 8(2) (circumstances in which decrease for shared care...
8. (1) In paragraph 9 (regulations about shared care), the existing...

Weekly income

9. In paragraph 10 (which confers power to make regulations about...
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1. (1) The Department may require the interested parties in relation...
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Effect on accrual of liability of exercise of power under paragraph 1.

5. (1) Where the power under paragraph 1(1) is exercised in...

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6. (1) The Department may by regulations make such provision as...

Interpretation

7. In this Schedule— “interested parties” has such meaning as may...

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1. (1) This paragraph applies to information which is held for...
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1. (1) The Child Support Order is amended as follows.

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