

*These notes refer to the Work and Families Act (Northern Ireland)
2015 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 8th January 2015*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Shared Rights to Leave and Pay

Section 5: Statutory shared parental pay

Section 167ZY: Entitlement etc.: prospective adopters with whom looked after children are placed

Section 167ZY provides for the making of regulations extending entitlement to statutory shared parental pay to FFA arrangements.

Subsection (1) specifies that regulations are to provide for statutory shared parental pay in respect of a child placed by a competent authority (a Health and Social Care Trust) with an approved foster parent who is also an approved prospective adopter.

In accordance with *subsection (2)*, such provision is to be made in circumstances where either a decision is pending or has already been taken that adoption is in the child's best interests. Regulations may specify that certain further conditions must also be satisfied, allowing the regulations to set a specific point at which entitlement will be triggered.

Subsection (3) provides for regulations to include adaptations to appropriate references in relevant provision to placements for adoption made under the law of any part of the United Kingdom; this will convert references in relevant provisions to fit FFA cases.