

SOCIAL SECURITY**Maternity Allowance (Transitional)**

REGULATIONS, DATED 5TH MARCH 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 1973.

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of powers conferred by paragraph 2 of Schedule 26 to the Social Security Act 1973(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with paragraph 15 of Schedule 25 to that Act:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Transitional) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1974 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1975.

(2) In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Social Security Act 1973;

“the former principal Act” means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b);

and other expressions have the same meanings as in the Act as modified by these regulations.

Modifications of the Act

2.—(1) There shall be substituted for the conditions set out in paragraph 3(2) and 3(3) of Schedule 3 to the Act (contribution conditions for a maternity allowance) the condition that there have been paid by or credited (otherwise than under regulations made under section 96 of the former principal Act) to the claimant in the cases set out in column 1 below in respect of the period set out against those cases respectively in column 2 below, whichever would give the more favourable result for the claimant, not less than 50 contributions under the former principal Act as an insured person of any class, and of those contributions not less than 39 are contributions as an employed or self-employed person, and of the contributions as an employed or self-employed person not less than 26 have been actually paid.

1 <i>The case</i>	2 <i>The period</i>
Where the expected week of confinement begins after 13th July 1975 and ends before 20th March 1977	The 52 contribution weeks under the former principal Act immediately preceding 6th April 1975
Where the expected week of confinement begins after 13th July 1975 and ends before 29th March 1976	The period of 52 or 53 contribution weeks under the former principal Act ending at midnight between the first Sunday and Monday in March, June, September or December 1974 which has been determined by the Northern Ireland Department to be applicable in the claimant's case for the purposes of contributions under that Act

(2) In relation to any case to which paragraph (1) of this regulation applies, "week" wherever it occurs in section 17 of and Schedule 3 to the Act means a period of 7 days beginning with midnight between Sunday and Monday, or, in relation to the week which would otherwise begin, by virtue of this paragraph, at midnight between Sunday 13th March 1977 and Monday 14th March 1977, the period of 6 days so beginning.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 5th day of March 1974.

(L.S.)

C. G. Oakes,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations substitute, in the case of women whose confinements occur before the contribution conditions for a maternity allowance set out in the Social Security Act 1973 can be satisfied, and after the contribution conditions set out in the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 could entitle them to the allowance, contribution conditions based on those contained in the 1966 Act.