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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2002 No. 358**

**The Social Security (2002 Act) (Commencement  
No. 2 and Transitional and Saving  
Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002**

**Transitional and saving provisions**

**3.**—(1) The amendments to the Contributions and Benefits Act made by sections 1, 3 and 4(1)(b) and (2) of the Act and the repeal specified in Part I of the Schedule shall take effect only in relation to a woman whose expected week of confinement commences on or after 6th April 2003.

(2) The amendment to section 162 of the Contributions and Benefits Act made by section 2 of the Act (rate of statutory maternity pay) shall not have effect in relation to a woman –

- (a) whose maternity pay period commences before 6th April 2003;
- (b) who is entitled to statutory maternity pay at the rate of £75 a week immediately before that date; and
- (c) who would be entitled to statutory maternity pay at a rate lower than £75 a week if the amendment had effect in relation to her.

(3) The amendment to section 35A of the Contributions and Benefits Act made by section 4(1) (a) of the Act (rate of maternity allowance) shall not have effect in relation to a woman –

- (a) whose maternity allowance period commences before 6th April 2003;
- (b) who is entitled to maternity allowance at the rate of £75 a week immediately before that date; and
- (c) who would be entitled to maternity allowance at a rate lower than £75 a week if the amendment had effect in relation to her.