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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 163**

**The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**Amendment of the Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations**

**3.** In Schedule 1 to the Child Support (Maintenance Assessment and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(1) (calculation of N and M) after paragraph 5A insert—

“CHAPTER 3

*Estimate of earnings where insufficient information available*

**5B.**—(1) Where the Department is calculating earnings of an employed earner or a self-employed earner under this Part and the information available in relation to those earnings is insufficient or unreliable, the Department may estimate those earnings and, in doing so, may make any assumptions as to any fact.

(2) Where the Department is satisfied that the person is engaged in a particular occupation, whether as an employee or a self-employed person, the assumptions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) may include an assumption that the person has the average weekly earnings of a person engaged in that occupation in the United Kingdom or in any part of the United Kingdom.”.

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(1) [S.R. 1992 No. 341](#); paragraph 5A was inserted by regulation 4(5)(d) of [S.R. 1999 No. 152](#) and amended by regulation 3(6) of [S.R. 2007 No. 347](#)