



2008 CHAPTER 13

PART 1

PENSION SCHEME MEMBERSHIP FOR JOBHOLDERS

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EMPLOYERS' DUTIES

[^{F1}Qualifying earnings and earnings trigger]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 13 crossheading substituted (7.6.2012) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\), ss. 9\(2\), 34\(3\)](#); S.R. 2012/233, art. 2(2)(d)

Qualifying earnings

13.—(1) A person's qualifying earnings in a pay reference period of 12 months are the part (if any) of the gross earnings payable to that person in that period that is—

- (a) more than [^{F2}£6,240], and
- (b) not more than [^{F3}£50,270].

(2) In the case of a pay reference period of less or more than 12 months, subsection (1) applies as if the amounts in paragraphs (a) and (b) were proportionately less or more.

(3) In this section, “earnings”, in relation to a person, means sums of any of the following descriptions that are payable to the person in connection with the person's employment—

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- (a) salary, wages, commission, bonuses and overtime;
- (b) statutory sick pay under Part 11 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7) (in this Act referred to as “the Contributions and Benefits Act”);
- (c) statutory maternity pay under Part 12 of that Act;
- (d) [^{F4}statutory paternity pay] under Part 12ZA of that Act;
- (e) statutory adoption pay under Part 12ZB of that Act;
- [^{F5}(ea) statutory shared parental pay under Part 12ZC of that Act;]
- [^{F6}(eb) statutory parental bereavement pay under Part 12ZD of that Act;]
- (f) sums prescribed for the purposes of this section.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Sum in s. 13(1)(a) substituted (6.4.2020) by [The Automatic Enrolment \(Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/51\)](#), arts. 1(1), [2](#)
- F3** Sum in s. 13(1)(b) substituted (6.4.2021) by [The Automatic Enrolment \(Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/66\)](#), arts. 1(1), [2](#)
- F4** Words in s. 13(3)(d) substituted (5.4.2015) by [Work and Families Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 23(1), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(a\)](#); S.R. 2015/86, art. 4(2)(g) (with art. 7(2))
- F5** S. 13(3)(ea) inserted (15.3.2015) by [Work and Families Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 23(1), [Sch. 1 para. 8\(b\)](#); S.R. 2015/86, art. 3(2)(h)
- F6** S. 13(3)(eb) inserted (23.3.2022) by [Parental Bereavement \(Leave and Pay\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 5(5), [Sch. para. 35](#); S.R. 2022/136, art. 3

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 13(2) modified (6.4.2018) by [The Automatic Enrolment \(Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2018 \(S.R. 2018/52\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3](#)
- C2** S. 13(2) modified (6.4.2020) by [The Automatic Enrolment \(Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/51\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3](#)
- C3** S. 13(2) modified (6.4.2021) by [The Automatic Enrolment \(Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/66\)](#), arts. 1(1), [3](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 13 partly in force; s. 13 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 118(2)
- I2** S. 13 in operation at 30.6.2012 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2012/266](#), art. 2, [Sch. Pt. 1](#)

Review of [^{F7}earnings trigger and] qualifying earnings band

14 Whenever the Secretary of State makes an order under section 14 of the Pensions Act 2008 (c. 30) (review of [^{F8}earnings trigger and] qualifying earnings band), the Department may make a corresponding order for Northern Ireland.

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Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in s. 14 heading inserted (7.6.2012) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\), ss. 9\(1\), 34\(3\)](#); S.R. 2012/233, art. 2(2)(d)
- F8** Words in s. 14 inserted (7.6.2012) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\), ss. 9\(1\), 34\(3\)](#); S.R. 2012/233, art. 2(2)(d)

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 14 partly in force; s. 14 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 118(2)
- I4** S. 14 in operation at 8.6.2012 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2012/236, art. 2\(a\)](#)

Pay reference period

15.—(1) In relation to any person a pay reference period is the period prescribed.

(2) The Department may by regulations—

- (a) make provision for determining a person's earnings in any pay reference period;
- (b) make provision for determining the first date of each pay reference period in relation to a person.

(3) A reference in any provision to the relevant pay reference period is a reference to the period determined in accordance with regulations under this section, as they apply for the purposes of that provision in the case concerned.

Commencement Information

- I5** S. 15 partly in force; s. 15 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 118(2)
- I6** S. 15 in operation at 30.6.2012 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2012/266, art. 2, Sch. Pt. 1](#)

[^{F9}Power to specify rounded figures

15A.—(1) Whenever the Secretary of State makes an order under section 15A of the Pensions Act 2008 specifying rounded figures for the purposes of section 3(6B), 5(7B) or 13(2) of that Act, the Department may make an order specifying corresponding rounded figures for the purposes of section 3(6B), 5(7B) or 13(2) of this Act.

(2) A rounded figure so specified applies in place of the amount that would otherwise apply.]

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Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 15A inserted (2.6.2012 for specified purposes, 7.6.2012 in so far as not already in operation) by [Pensions Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2012 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 10, 34(1)(3)**; S.R. 2012/233, [art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- [s. 24\(1\)\(c\) inserted by 2016 c. 1 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 39\(2\)\(d\)](#)