

2015 CHAPTER 5

PART 5 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PAYMENT

Bereavement support payment

- **29.**—(1) A person is entitled to a benefit called bereavement support payment if—
 - (a) the person's spouse or civil partner dies,
 - (b) the person is under pensionable age when the spouse or civil partner dies,
 - (c) the person is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, or a specified territory, when the spouse or civil partner dies, and
 - (d) the contribution condition is met (see section 30).
 - (2) The Department must by regulations specify—
 - (a) the rate of the benefit, and
 - (b) the period for which it is payable.
 - (3) The regulations may specify different rates for different periods.
- (4) In the case of a person who is pregnant or entitled to child benefit in specified circumstances, the regulations may—
 - (a) specify a higher rate;
 - (b) provide for the allowance to be payable for a longer period.
- (5) A person is not entitled to be reavement support payment for periods after the person has reached pensionable age.
- (6) A person is not entitled to be reavement support payment if the death occurred before this section came fully into operation.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(7) In this section—

"pensionable age" has the meaning given by the rules in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the 1995 Order;

"specified territory" means a territory specified in regulations made by the Department.