
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 2789

**The Maternity and Parental Leave
(Amendment) Regulations 2002**

Amendments to the Principal Regulations

- 8.** In regulation 7 (duration of maternity leave periods)—
- (a) in paragraph (1), for “eighteen weeks” substitute “26 weeks”;
 - (b) in paragraph (4), for “29 weeks beginning with the week of childbirth” substitute “26 weeks from the day on which it commenced”;
 - (c) after paragraph (5) insert—
 - “(6) An employer who is notified under any provision of regulation 4 of the date on which, by virtue of any provision of regulation 6, an employee’s ordinary maternity leave period will commence or has commenced shall notify the employee of the date on which—
 - (a) if the employee is entitled only to ordinary maternity leave, her ordinary maternity leave period will end, or
 - (b) if the employee is entitled to both ordinary and additional maternity leave, her additional maternity leave period will end.
 - (7) The notification provided for in paragraph (6) shall be given to the employee—
 - (a) where the employer is notified under regulation 4(1)(a)(iii), (3)(b) or (4)(b), within 28 days of the date on which he received the notification;
 - (b) where the employer is notified under regulation 4(1A), within 28 days of the date on which the employee’s ordinary maternity leave period commenced.”