

**2012 No. 109**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Security (Credits) (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2012**

*Made* - - - - *9th March 2012*

*Coming into operation* - *5th April 2012*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22(5) and 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(a) and now vested in it(b).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Credits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 5th April 2012.

**Amendment of the Social Security (Credits) Regulations**

2. In regulation 9C of the Social Security (Credits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(c) (credits for adoption pay period and maternity pay period)—

- (a) in the heading after “adoption pay period” insert “, additional paternity pay period”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(a) after “paragraph (2)(a)” insert “or (aa)”;
- (c) in paragraph (2) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—
  - “(aa) the additional paternity pay period in respect of which additional statutory paternity pay was paid to a person, or”; and
- (d) in paragraph (5)—
  - (i) after ““adoption pay period”,” insert ““additional paternity pay period”,” and
  - (ii) after ““statutory adoption pay”” insert “, “additional statutory paternity pay””.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 9th March 2012

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(a) 1992 c. 7; section 22(5) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)) and paragraph 3(3)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 (c. 2 (N.I.)) and section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)

(b) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481

(c) S.R. 1975 No. 113; regulation 9C was inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 1988 No. 105 and substituted by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2003 No. 151

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend regulation 9C of the Social Security (Credits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 to provide for an award of credits in respect of any week during which a person was paid additional statutory paternity pay.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

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