
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 471

**Maternity and Parental Leave
etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Part IV

Provisions applicable in relation to more than one kind of absence

Contractual rights to maternity or parental leave

21.—(1) This regulation applies where an employee is entitled to—

- (a) ordinary maternity leave;
- (b) additional maternity leave, or
- (c) parental leave,

(referred to in paragraph (2) as a “statutory right”) and also to a right which corresponds to that right and which arises under the employee’s contract of employment or otherwise.

(2) In a case where this regulation applies—

- (a) the employee may not exercise the statutory right and the corresponding right separately but may, in taking the leave for which the two rights provide, take advantage of whichever right is, in any particular respect, the more favourable, and
- (b) the provisions of the 1996 Order and of these Regulations relating to the statutory right apply, subject to any modifications necessary to give effect to any more favourable contractual terms, to the exercise of the composite right described in sub-paragraph (a) as they apply to the exercise of the statutory right.