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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 121**

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**PART 2**

**PATERNITY LEAVE AND PATERNITY PAY PAYMENTS**

**Amendments relating to paternity leave and paternity pay: state pension credit**

**5.—(1)** The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003<sup>(1)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 1(2) (interpretation) for the definition of “paternity leave”<sup>(2)</sup> substitute—

““paternity leave” means a period of absence from work on ordinary paternity leave by virtue of Article 112A or 112B of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 or on additional paternity leave by virtue of Article 112AA or 112BB of that Order;”.

(3) In regulation 15(1) (income for the purposes of the Act) for sub-paragraph (p) substitute—

“(p) ordinary statutory paternity pay payable under Part XIIZA of the Contributions and Benefits Act<sup>(3)</sup>;

(pa) additional statutory paternity pay payable under Part XIIZA of the Contributions and Benefits Act;”.

(4) In regulation 17A(2)<sup>(4)</sup> (earnings of employed earners) for sub-paragraph (i) substitute—

“(i) ordinary statutory paternity pay payable under Part XIIZA of the Contributions and Benefits Act;

(ia) additional statutory paternity pay payable under Part XIIZA of the Contributions and Benefits Act;”.

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(1) [S.R. 2003 No. 28](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.I. 2003 No. 2175](#) and [S.R. 2003 No. 421](#)

(2) The definition of “paternity leave” was inserted by regulation 2(2)(b) of [S.R. 2003 No. 421](#)

(3) Part XIIZA was inserted by Article 5 of the Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

(4) Regulation 17A was inserted by regulation 5 of [S.I. 2003 No. 2175](#)