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The Shared Parental Leave Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

PART 3

ENTITLEMENT TO SHARED PARENTAL LEAVE (ADOPTION)

CHAPTER 1

Entitlement to leave – general

Periods when shared parental leave may be taken (adoption)

23.—(1) Shared parental leave may be taken at any time within the period which begins on the date C is placed for adoption with A (or, where more than one child is placed for adoption through a single placement, the date of the placement of the first child) and ends the day before the first anniversary of the date on which C was placed for adoption.

(2) Shared parental leave must be taken in complete weeks.

(3) Shared parental leave may be taken as one continuous period or in discontinuous periods.

(4) The minimum period of shared parental leave which may be taken is one week.

(5) An employee may be absent on shared parental leave in relation to C at the same time that another employee is—

(a) absent on leave provided for in Part 9 of the 1996 Order in relation to C;

(b) in receipt of pay under section 35 or Part 12, 12ZA, 12ZB, or 12ZC of the 1992 Act⁽¹⁾ in relation to C.

(1) Parts 12ZA and 12ZB were inserted by the Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, Articles 5 and 6 respectively.