
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Shared Parental Leave and Paternity and Adoption Leave
(Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

PART 1

General

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Shared Parental Leave and Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and come into operation on 5th April 2015.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the 1996 Order” means the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996⁽¹⁾;

“the Application Regulations” means the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (Application of Articles 107G and 107I to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015⁽²⁾;

“adoption from overseas” means the adoption of a child who enters Northern Ireland from outside the United Kingdom in connection with or for the purposes of adoption which does not involve the placement of the child for adoption under the law of any part of the United Kingdom, and references to a child adopted from overseas shall be construed accordingly;

“Curtailment Regulations” means the Maternity and Adoption Leave (Curtailment of Statutory Rights to Leave) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015⁽³⁾;

“enter Northern Ireland” means enter Northern Ireland from outside the United Kingdom in connection with or for the purposes of adoption;

“Leave Regulations” means the Shared Parental Leave Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015⁽⁴⁾;

“PAL (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations” means the Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽⁵⁾.

(1) S.I. 1996/1919 (N.I. 16).
(2) S.R. 2015 No. 97.
(3) S.R. 2015 No. 95.
(4) S.R. 2015 No. 93.
(5) S.R. 2003 No. 222.