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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2023 No. 190**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

*Made* - - - - *16th November 2023*

*Coming into operation* *11th December 2023*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(1)(a) and 171(1) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1), and now vested in it(2).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 and shall come into operation on 11th December 2023.

**Commencement Information**

**I1** Reg. 1 in operation at 11.12.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

**Amendment of the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations**

2. In regulation 2(1)(3) (interpretation) of the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005(4), in the definition of “parental order”, after “section 54” insert “or section 54A”.

**Commencement Information**

**I2** Reg. 2 in operation at 11.12.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

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(1) 1992 c. 7  
(2) See Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I.))  
(3) Relevant amending instrument is S.R.2010 No. 378, see Regulation 2(2)(e)  
(4) S.R. 2005 No. 506

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023. (See end of Document for details)

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 16th November 2023

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Communities

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (“the Maternity and Funeral Expenses Regulations”) to reflect an amendment made to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008, which allows for a sole applicant for a parental order, whereas previously only couples could apply.

Regulation 1 provides for citation and commencement.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 2(1) of the Maternity and Funeral Expenses Regulations to include section 54A of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023.